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Dear Darren,

I wrote to your Committee on 4 May setting out the Government's plans to bring the UK's Free Trade Agreements with Australia and New Zealand into force. I am pleased to confirm that, following the completion of the final legislative steps, the Agreements entered into force today.

This means businesses of all sizes across the nations and regions of the United Kingdom are now able to access the benefits provided by the Agreements including the removal tariffs on 100% of UK goods exports and guaranteed access for services and digital trade.

Our continued priority is to ensure that businesses and consumers are supported to access the benefits and grasp new opportunities in the Australian and New Zealand markets. My department is committed to meaningful engagement with businesses to enable them to use the Agreements now that they are in effect, and guidance for businesses can be found at [www.great.gov.uk/markets/australia/](http://www.great.gov.uk/markets/australia/) and [www.great.gov.uk/markets/new-zealand/](http://www.great.gov.uk/markets/new-zealand/).

The ratification of these Agreements is a significant milestone in both our relationships with Australia and New Zealand, and also in the UK's ambitious trade agenda.

I look forward to working closely with the Business and Trade Select Committee as we negotiate and ratify further world-class trade deals.

Thank you again to the Committee, and the now disbanded International Trade Committee, for the continued engagement on the Government's free trade agreement programme.

Yours sincerely,

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