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Environment, climate and international trade

Dear Gerry,

Thank you for your response of 18 February regarding the Department for International Trade's approach to environment, climate and international trade.

In your letter, you state that the Department is "pursuing a range of options in the design of future trade policy, including provisions on tackling climate change". We welcome this and call on the Government to formulate and publish a comprehensive strategy that draws together its global leadership ambitions in climate change mitigation, environmental protection, and international trade. When developing the strategy, we urge the Government to also engage constructively with the public. This would enable the Government to proactively showcase its approach in the run-up to the G7 and COP26 conferences this year.

We would like to be kept updated on this issue and look forward to a response by the summer.

I am copying this letter to Angus Brendan MacNeil MP, Chair of the Commons International Trade Committee; the Minister for Trade Policy, the Rt Hon Greg Hands MP; and the Minister for International Trade, Ranil Jayawardena MP.

Yours sincerely,

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