



**Business and Trade
Committee**

Monday, 2 February 2026

The Rt Hon Peter Kyle MP
Secretary of State for Business and Trade and President of the Board of Trade
Department for Business and Trade
[By email]

The Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP
Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Affairs
Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office
[By email]

CC: The Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer KCB KC MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
[By email]

Subject: Outcomes of the Prime Minister's Visit to China

Dear Ministers,

I write to request further detail on the agreements the UK concluded with China during the Prime Minister's recent visit.¹ It appears that ten agreements were signed, including:

- Co-operation on Transnational Organised Crime and Illegal Immigration
- Establishment of a Bilateral Services Partnership
- Joint Feasibility Study for a UK-China Trade in Services Agreement
- Co-operation in the Field of Conformity Assessment
- Exports from the UK to China
- Strengthening the Work of the UK-China Joint Economic and Trade Commission
- Co-operation in Domiciliary Services and Sports Industries
- Collaboration in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)
- Co-operation on Food Safety, Animal, and Plant Quarantine
- Health Co-operation

¹ [Prime Minister unlocks new opportunities for British businesses in China](#), Prime Minister's Office, 29 January 2026



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I also note reporting in *Politico*,² suggesting that neither government intends to publish the texts of these agreements in full.

This Committee has a duty to Parliament and the public in scrutinising the Government's approach to trade relations and economic security. I am sure you appreciate that it is therefore essential the Committee understands these agreements and how they align with the UK's strategic approach to engagement with China.

I would therefore be grateful for answers as soon as possible to the following questions:

1. Will the agreement texts be published in full or provided to the Committee?
2. What UK economic benefits are expected from the deals and when will these be felt?
3. How do these deals align with the UK's long-term strategic approach to China?

I also attach this letter to the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Liam Byrne MP
Chair of the Business and Trade Committee

² [Keir Starmer secures visa-free access to China in services partnership](#), Politico, 29 January 2026.