



International Trade Committee

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Dear Anne-Marie,

Thank you for your letter earlier this evening about the Agreement in Principle (AiP) between the UK and New Zealand. I was pleased to see your acknowledgement that the AiP – while certainly a significant milestone of progress – is not the final step, and that there is still work to be done to finalise the deal.

Last month I raised concerns with you about the timeliness of engagement with my Committee on trade negotiations at key stages¹. In recognising the important role the Committee plays, you committed to engaging extensively with us, and confirmed that you would appear before us about this AiP at the earliest opportunity.²

I am now writing to ask you and the Chief Negotiator, Matt Davies, to appear before the Committee on Wednesday 3 November at 2.30-3.30pm to discuss the AiP. As you will appreciate, the timely public consideration of the AiP's detail – including any concerns that may arise – is a vital part of the scrutiny process.

In anticipation of your confirmation of attendance – which I request by 5pm on Monday 25 October – I'd like to thank you on behalf of the Committee for prioritising this appearance.

Separately, I would also like to thank you for your letter giving the Committee advance notice of the Government's response to the Trade and Agriculture Commission's (TAC's) report and details of the interim membership. The Committee looks forward to discussing this further with Minister Mordaunt next Wednesday at 3.30pm.

In accordance with our usual practice, this letter, along with any replies, will be published on the Committee's webpage.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angus B MacNeil".

Angus Brendan MacNeil
Chair of the International Trade Committee

¹ [Letter from the Chair to the Secretary of State relating to her appointment as Trade Secretary, 17 September 2021](#)

² [Letter from the Secretary of State to the Chair relating to trade agreement scrutiny, 5 October 2021](#)