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Dear Dianne,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 29th October with regard to the Agreement in Principle with New Zealand and the impact assessment for the final New Zealand Agreement.

Please be reassured that following the conclusion of negotiations, the full impact assessment will be published prior to scrutiny of the agreement by Parliament. This will present the potential economic impacts of the agreement, including on UK sectoral output and employment. It will also provide an assessment of the potential implications for the UK nations and English regions.

As with other negotiations, we have thoroughly engaged with the devolved administrations through Chief Negotiator briefings, policy discussions and at the Ministerial Forum for Trade. Through this process we have consulted at all levels with the devolved administrations to understand their key issues and priorities as the negotiations progressed.

As the Secretary of State for International Trade stated in her statement to the House on 21st October, conversations also took place with devolved Ministers on 20th October to *“really get a sense of, and to encourage, the exciting opportunities that now exist with the agreement in principle.”*

We will continue to work closely with the devolved administrations as we move from AIP to signature. All of the steps we have taken to consult the devolved administrations will of course be highlighted in the New Zealand Agreement Explanatory Memorandum when the Agreement is laid before Parliament for scrutiny after signature.

Yours ever,

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