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Dear Angus,

Board of Trade visit to Cumbria

I am writing to inform you and the committee of my upcoming Board of Trade visit to Cumbria, 8-9 March.

The Board of Trade will be meeting in Barrow-in-Furness to launch its latest paper, on maritime trade, which promotes the importance of the maritime sector to trade and investment, and outlines how the UK can shape its trade policy to facilitate this. I attach an early preview of the paper to this letter but **please note that it is embargoed until its official publication on the 10 March at 17:15**, when it will be available [here](#).

My aims over this visit will be to:

- Recognise and champion the contribution that Cumbrian companies make to our reputation as an international trading nation;
- Promote world-leading Cumbrian sectors and exporters;
- Make the case for Maritime Trade through the Board's new paper; and
- Update on progress regarding the National Shipbuilding Strategy Refresh and the Maritime Capability Campaign Office

For security reasons, exact details of the programme are not being shared widely. If you have any specific queries, please feel free to direct these to my office.

Best wishes,

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& President of the Board of Trade