



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Jean Contrevent,

RE: ISDS IN UK-AUSTRALIA TRADE AGREEMENT

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of the trade agreement with Australia and Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) provisions. I have read your comments on these matters with interest.

The trade agreement reached with Australia will not include an Investor-State Dispute Settlement mechanism. The Government stated at the outset of negotiations that it would ensure the right to regulate in the public interest continues to be protected in a trade deal and this has been delivered.

More broadly, I welcome the fact that the agreement will include a dedicated chapter on trade and the environment. This will contain provisions encouraging trade and investment in environmental goods and services which support shared environmental objectives. For the first time, Australia has also agreed to specific mention of the *Paris Agreement* in a free-trade deal - a deal which also affirms commitments to tackle climate change and acknowledges the role of global trade in these efforts.

The UK is a world leader in tackling climate change. We were the first major economy to legislate to be net-zero by 2050 and have reduced emissions by 44 percent compared to 1990 levels. We are also phasing out coal power by 2025, thirteen years earlier than Germany, and banning the sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2030, ten years earlier than France.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you, then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes,

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