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Dear

ATISN 24790 – US-UK Trade Deal

Thank you for your request for information, which I received on 10 June. In your email you asked for the following:

Referring to the new US-UK trade deal where Indian workers will not pay National Insurance:

- *Did the UK Government have any conversations about the effects that the new US-UK trade deal will have on Wales?*
- *Did the UK Government have any conversations regarding the new deal with the Welsh Government prior to the announcement??*

The response is set out **below**:

The UK-US Economic Prosperity Deal (EPD) does not cover workers from India who are temporarily working in the UK.

The terms agreed for National Insurance Contributions (NICs) in the UK-India trade deal align with those agreed by many other countries around NICs.

Elements of the EPD between the UK and the USA are still be agreed.

The Welsh Government engages regularly with the UK Government on matters across the trade policy portfolio, including UK-US trade. Welsh Government officials meet regularly with their UK Government counterparts and the Inter-Ministerial Group provides a forum for the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning to discuss trade policy with her counterparts.

The Cabinet Secretary has also had two separate conversations with the UK Minister for Trade Policy regarding President Trump's 'reciprocal' tariffs.

If you have any queries about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future correspondence.

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the controller for this information and, in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

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E-mail: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF
Website: www.ico.org.uk

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Yours sincerely