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Dear Angus,

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The Secretary of State for International Trade previously wrote to you on 10 May 2018 to update the Committee on the progress our Department had made in setting up the new Trade Remedies Authority (TRA). In that letter, the Secretary of State informed the Committee that our Department had selected Reading as the location for the TRA and had begun recruitment for the Chair of the TRA board.

I am writing to you to provide the Committee with a further update on the progress that we have made since then in setting up the TRA. I am pleased to inform the Committee that we have begun the recruitment of specialist staff for the TRA. This includes roles such as lawyers, economists and investigators. I can also confirm that we have begun recruitment for other senior roles in the TRA, including the CEO, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Economist, General Counsel and Joint Chief Investigators.

I am also pleased to say that, further to my letter to the Committee following my appearance before it on 7 March 2018, MOJ has confirmed that the appropriate destination for appeals against trade remedy decisions will be the Tax & Chancery Chamber (an Upper Tribunal) of the Unified Tribunals. The final decision, however, as to where such appeals are allocated for hearing, is purely a matter for the Senior President of Tribunals, but appellants can be confident their case will be dealt with in an expert, independent and impartial manner.

I welcome the Committee's continued interest and engagement throughout the implementation of the TRA and I will continue to keep the Committee informed of the excellent progress that we are making in setting up this important body.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the House Libraries.

Yours,  


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