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Deputy Philip Ozouf  
Minister for External Relations

### **BY EMAIL**

5th April 2023

Dear Minister,

### **Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)**

Following announcement of Jersey's inclusion in the United Kingdom's agreement in principle (the agreement) with the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), the Panel has a series of questions. We would be grateful if you could clarify:

1. What are the potential positive and negative consequences of entering into the agreement on Jersey's (a) domestic market and (b) (relatively undeveloped) export/manufacturing market,
  - a. what risk analysis has been done in this respect,
  - b. what consultation has there been with local industries before the agreement is formally entered into,
  - c. why does Government consider now to be an advisable time to enter into the agreement, and
  - d. why are services-related chapters of the CPTPP not extended to Jersey in the current agreement?
2. Will the agreement negatively impact on the protected Jersey milk market?
3. Has Jersey sought/will it seek exclusion from any provisions of the agreement? If so, which ones?
4. Noting your provision of the Negotiation Conclusion Document, could the Panel be provided with a copy of the extension agreement?
5. What is the anticipated likely impact of the agreement's requirement to promote sustainable fisheries practices on the management of both French and Jersey fishing licences (if this is relevant at this stage)?
6. Is it anticipated that the United States of America (US) will enter into the agreement after its former withdrawal?
7. A prominent US economist has highlighted Article 18.78 could be used to enforce non-compete agreements while pointing out California's economic success can partly be attributed to its non-allowance of the enforcement of non-compete agreements, which facilitates tech workers quitting their jobs and start to work for another company. Could this be a possible obstacle to Jersey's digital economy aspirations?
8. What consultation with local industries will there be with respect to other provisions of the agreement?

We would be grateful if you could respond to this no later than Friday 14th April 2023 in line with the 5 working days approved for responses between Scrutiny Panels and Ministers.

If you have any questions regarding this or our work in general, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please note that unless otherwise stated, all letters will be uploaded to the Scrutiny website as a matter of course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Moz Scott". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Deputy Moz Scott  
**Chair**  
**Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel**