

# The government must produce an International Trade White Paper and give urgent clarity what their plans are for our future international trade – Barry Gardiner

**Barry Gardiner MP,**  
**Shadow Secretary of State for International Trade,** commenting on this week's inaugural Commonwealth Trade Ministers meeting said:

“The Commonwealth Trade Ministers meeting further demonstrates that the government is actively holding discussions with potential trading partners on our future trading relations. Although the government has told us their plan for Brexit, they have not presented to Parliament and the British people what their plan is for international trade. We've been promised an 'independent trade policy' from the Secretary of State for International Trade, however, this has not been disclosed.

“The government must produce an International Trade White Paper and give urgent clarity what their plans are for our future international trade, outlining negotiating principles and trade policy objectives.

“To this end, I have written to the Secretary of State for International Trade calling for him to urgently publish an International Trade White Paper and to address key unanswered questions about the government's international trade policy.”