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#### Kearney highlights key Brexit challenges

Junior Minister Declan Kearney has stressed there must be no barriers to trade and highlighted challenges facing businesses after Brexit.

#### <u>Swann meets with UK Secretary of State</u> for Health

Health Minister Robin Swann and Secretary of State for Health Matt Hancock met at Stormont today for discussions on the Coronavirus threat.