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04 AUG 2017

Andrew Riddell
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Dear Andrew Riddell

Thank you for your email of 8 July 2017 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"...Thank you for sending those documents in response to my OIA request to Todd McClay on TPP11.

I note that substantial parts of the documents have been removed as "out of scope".

I request that you send me the documents with the so-called out of scope parts included..."

On 9 June 2017 you requested documents that related to TPP11, and the costs and/or benefits of TPP without the United States of America in it. My officials assessed the documents in light of that request and some portions were deemed out of scope as they were not relevant to your request as we understood it. I asked my officials to reassess those documents in light of your current request. Some portions of the documents remain withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the international relations of the New Zealand government;
- 9(2)(a): to protect the privacy of individuals
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments, and;
- 9(2)(j): to avoid prejudice to negotiations.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the Act, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would be sufficient to override the reasons for withholding it.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd McClay". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Hon Todd McClay
Minister of Trade

TPP11 Benefits: Briefing for Prime Minister

Tariff savings

- TPP11 delivers an estimated \$222 million of tariff savings per annum once fully implemented.
- NZ\$92 million of these tariff savings would be delivered to New Zealand as soon as TPP11 enters into force (EIF).

Agricultural benefits

- **Meat:** Japan, Peru, Mexico, and Viet Nam substantially cut beef tariffs under TPP.
 - **Beef to Japan:** Japan has provided the lowest rate on beef in TPP than it has committed in any other Free Trade Agreement (FTA). New Zealand beef exporters would benefit from Japan's tariff on fresh or chilled and frozen beef dropping from 38.5% to 27.5% at EIF. They will then reduce to 9% over 16 years.

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- **Other beef markets:** Beef tariffs will be eliminated in Canada within six years and in Mexico and Peru within 10 and 11 years respectively.
- **Sheepmeat:** nearly all tariffs on sheepmeat will be eliminated upon EIF, including to Canada – New Zealand's 5th-largest market.
- **Dairy:** A range of dairy products (including protein products, ice cream, and infant formula) will mostly enjoy tariff-free access into all TPP markets.
- **Horticulture:** Japan is our largest and highest-value horticultural export market and the two highest traded dutiable products in Japan are kiwifruit and buttercup squash.
 - **Kiwifruit:** All tariffs for kiwifruit will be eliminated at EIF and existing duty-free access will be locked in. This includes the removal of a 6.4% tariff to Japan. Zespri has advised that this represents a tariff saving of \$25 million per annum.
 - **Buttercup squash:** All tariffs for buttercup squash will be eliminated at EIF and existing duty free access will be locked in.
 - **Cherries:** All tariffs on New Zealand cherries will be eliminated within six years and existing duty-free access will be locked in.
 - **Apples:** All tariffs on New Zealand apples will be eliminated within 11 years and existing duty free access will be locked in.
- **Wine:** Duty-free access on entry into force of TPP11 to Canada, New Zealand's 4th-largest wine market taking \$100 million of our exports in 2015.
- **Seafood:** All tariffs on fish and seafood will be eliminated under TPP (currently these range from 5-20% across FTA).

Modelling TPP11

- Japan's National Graduate Institute of Policy Studies' Dr Kenichi Kawasaki estimates a 3.4% increase in New Zealand's gross domestic product (GDP) under TPP11 after ten years, relative to 3.6% under TPP12. If fully implemented, this suggests an increase in GDP of about NZ\$2.5 billion after ten years.

Additional benefits

- TPP11 would be New Zealand's first FTA with the key markets of Japan (5th-largest export market in 2016), Canada (20th), Mexico (24th), and Peru (54th). It will also deliver benefits over and above our existing FTAs with Malaysia, Viet Nam, Brunei, and Singapore.
- The 11 TPP economies account for almost 31% of New Zealand's goods exports by value which amounted to NZ\$10.4 billion in 2016.
- The 11 TPP economies also account for 31% of New Zealand total service exports by value or NZ\$6.6 billion in 2016. *(This is an underestimate because the figures exclude Chile and Peru where data is not available).*
- In 2016, approximately two-thirds (66%) of the foreign direct investment in New Zealand was from the TPP11 countries, and half (52%) of New Zealand foreign direct investment was in the TPP11 region. *(This is also likely to be an underestimate because the figures exclude Malaysia, Chile, and Mexico where data is not available, but it is unlikely to change the percentages significantly).*
- TPP11 will help achieve the target contained in Trade Agenda 2030 of having FTAs cover 90% of goods trade by 2030 (TPP11 will raise the coverage from 53% currently to nearly 65%).

Extension of benefits to the United States^{s9(2)(j)}

- Some elements of TPP11 would be extended to the US (and other non-parties) ^{s9(2)(j)} even though it is a non-party to TPP11. This includes New Zealand's commitments on Pharmac and copyright term extension.
- Pharmac: the administrative changes to Pharmac procedures would be available to the US (and other non-parties). These changes have been estimated in the National Interest Analysis (for TPP12) to cost up to NZ\$4.5 million in one-off establishment costs, plus NZ\$2.2 million ongoing per year costs. This needs to be set off against the \$222 million per annum in tariff savings.
- Copyright term extension: New Zealand would be required to extend its copyright term from 50 to 70 years. New Zealand negotiated an eight-year transition period to make that change – during the transition period the copyright term would be extended to 60 years. The National Interest Analysis (NIA) for TPP12 estimated that over the very long term, the average annual cost to New Zealand is conservatively estimated to be NZ\$55 million. Again this contrasts with the benefits in TPP11 in tariff savings alone of \$222 million per annum.
- It is not unusual for non-parties to benefit from FTA outcomes negotiated between others. Some of the changes made by NAFTA countries to transparency and consultation procedures around developing legislation and regulations were extended to non-parties, including New Zealand.

Negotiations: New and Ongoing

- EU and Brexit
- RCEP (10-member ASEAN with Japan, China, Korea, India, Australia and NZ)
- India (ongoing)
- Upgrades: China FTA, Singapore CEP, AANZFTA (General Review stage)
- Possible: Pacific Alliance, Mercosur (possible)

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Issues brief: Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Update

Strategic Objective

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Key Points

- New Zealand recently joined Japan as the only countries to ratify the TPP Agreement. s9(2)(j)
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- Meanwhile, like us, Japan is advocating for having the Agreement enter into force among the remaining 11 participants (TPP11).¹
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- s9(2)(j)
- Minister McClay will co-chair a meeting of TPP11 Ministers at the APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade meeting in Viet Nam on 21 May. This will give guidance for the way ahead for TPP11, s9(2)(j)
- The aim is to have work on TPP11 completed in time for the APEC Leaders' meeting in Viet Nam in November. TPP11 senior officials will likely meet again for substantive discussions in Japan in July s9(2)(j)

Background

New Zealand ratified the TPP Agreement this month. Japan is the only other TPP member to ratify, which it did in January. Ratification does not mean immediate changes to any of New Zealand's laws and regulations, but does signal our readiness to be bound by the Agreement when it enters into force. This requires the US, however, to reverse its January decision to withdraw from TPP.²

¹ Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and Viet Nam.

² For some obligations contained in TPP, there is additional time. For example, New Zealand has a further three year period following entry into force to implement the obligations related to plant variety rights.

2 Ratification of the original TPP12 deal at this time sends a strong signal that we, along with Japan, value the strategic and economic benefits of TPP and would welcome seeing the US return to the Agreement in future. It also helps sustain momentum for TPP11 and cement New Zealand's leadership role alongside Japan when steps are being taken toward a TPP configuration without the US in the interim.

3 Bringing TPP11 into force will mitigate as far as possible the risk of a leadership vacuum in the region being filled by non-TPP partners; counter a loss of momentum in regional economic integration; and provide commercial benefits to New Zealand of preferential access to TPP11 economies, including in particular Japan. s6(a)

s6(a)

Under TPP, New Zealand beef exporters would benefit from Japan's tariff on fresh or chilled and frozen beef dropping from 38.5% to 27.5% at EIF. They will then reduce to 9% over 16 years (with the potential to 'snap-back' to a 50% duty if a WTO volume safeguard level is exceeded). s6(a)

4 s9(2)(j)

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6 We estimate that an unchanged TPP11, which would deliver our first FTA with Japan as well as Canada, Mexico and Peru, would bring us s9(2)(g)(i)

and \$222 million in tariff savings (per annum once the agreement is fully implemented), compared to \$274 million with the US in the mix. s9(2)(g)(i)

7 s9(2)(j)

Japan has given a number of TPP-wide dairy quotas for

butter and milk powders

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A quota on whole milk powder will expand by 4,000 tonnes per annum from the initial 20,000mt in year one, reaching a maximum of 60,000mt in year 12. The within quota tariff will be 0%. New Zealand exporters will also benefit from preferential access under a butter quota of 45,898 whole milk equivalent tonnes at year 12. Tariffs will apply to within quota butter trade.

8 TPP also provides New Zealand dairy exporters country specific quotas for cheese and some whey products into Japan. The US dominates some Japanese cheese imports, and generally ranks in the top three providers along with New Zealand and Australia. Under TPP tariffs on up to 150mt of cheese will be eliminated over 11 years. Tariffs on up to 1,700 metric tonnes of mineral concentrate whey will be eliminated over six years, while other whey will be duty free from entry into force. These advantages would probably allow New Zealand and Australia to expand cheese and whey exports to Japan

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9 TPP in its current form would also correct the disadvantage our exporters are facing through the preferential access s9(2)(j)

for beef. s9(2)(j)

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*Trade Negotiations Division
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
April 2017*

TPP Ministers Meeting

7.30am-8.30am, 21 May, at Marriott Hotel, Room (tbc)

Purpose Co-chair the meeting to confirm next steps for moving forward with the TPP Agreement in the absence of the US and to endorse releasing a joint media statement.

Participants The format is Minister + 3 (Vangelis, Dawn, Brody)
The leads of other delegations attending are as follows:
Australian Trade Minister Steven Ciobo
Bruneian Trade Minister Lim Jock Seng
Canadian Minister of International Trade Francios-Philippe Champagne
Chilean Vice Minister of Trade Paulina Nazal
Japanese Economic Revitalisation Minister Nobuteru Ishihara
Malaysian Trade and Industry Minister Mustapa Mohamed
Mexican Secretary of Economy Ildefonso Guajardo
Peruvian Trade and Tourism Minister Eduardo Ferreyros
Singaporean Trade and Industry Minister Lim Hng Kiang
Vietnamese Industry and Trade Minister Tran Tuan Anh.

Language English.

Media None.

Runsheets You will co-chair the meeting with hosts Viet Nam.

Key Objective

- Highlight that New Zealand has joined Japan in ratifying TPP.
- Confirm TPP Ministers' commitment to move forward with TPP [s9\(2\)\(j\)](#) before Ministers meet again in the margins of the APEC Leaders meeting in November.
- Endorse and agree to release a joint media statement agreed between officials that highlights the forward pathway for TPP.

Key Messages

- It is pleasing to see the good, open engagement among our economies in exploring options for moving forward with TPP. Personally I have met with all of you several times since January. I have appreciated our very constructive discussions each time. Our senior officials also met in Toronto earlier this month.
- This is an opportunity to update each other on developments and set expectations for next steps:
 - For New Zealand's part, we ratified TPP this month to demonstrate our commitment to the regional economic integration vision that TPP represents; help generate momentum; and keep all options for the

agreement on the table, s9(2)(j)

we've proposed specific language about expediting the return of 'original signatories' in the joint statement.

- Going forward, we would now like to see senior officials continue the work they started in Toronto with a view to s9(2)(j) the APEC Economic Leaders Meeting in Da Nang in November. We believe this is achievable in that timeframe if we agree to narrow our focus on only modest technical adjustments to the current Agreement.

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- Additionally, however, our shared vision for this agreement should be one of openness and as a building block to multilateralism - something we have all been committed to as recently as the WTO Ministerial in Nairobi where we together agreed on the need for trade agreements to be open to others globally.

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- s9(2)(j) it is important that we issue a positive joint statement that shows we are continuing to move forward the TPP process s9(2)(j)

Background

1 s9(2)(j)

2 s9(2)(j)

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- 3 Aside from the commercial benefits to New Zealand of preferential access to TPP11 partners, s9(2)(j), s6(a)

s6(a)

It will also mitigate as far as possible the risk of a leadership vacuum in the region being filled by non-TPP partners; while countering a loss of momentum in regional economic integration.

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- 5 s9(2)(j)

- 6 The period between the TPP Ministers' meeting on 21 May in the margins of the APEC MRT meeting in Ha Noi through to the APEC Economic Leaders Meeting (ELM) in Da Nang on 10-11 November will be a key window of opportunity for making progress on TPP. Japan has indicated to us that it will look to host the next officials'-level meeting in July. s6(a)

*Trade Negotiations Division
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
May 2017*

Supplementary briefing to Prime Minister: Path forward on TPP

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Background

New Zealand ratification

6. The majority of work necessary for New Zealand to ratify TPP was completed with the passage of the Trans-Pacific Agreement Amendment Act on 15 November 2016. However, further work with respect to regulations and administrative measures is required before New Zealand can ratify.¹
 - 6.1. MFAT will work with other agencies to complete the necessary preparatory work by early May.
 - 6.2. Cabinet will then be required to provide in-principle approval of regulations and other measures (as necessary); and approve notification of the TPP Depository of completion of legal procedures necessary to ratify TPP.
 - 6.3. New Zealand then notifies the TPP Depository (itself) of completion of New Zealand's "applicable legal procedures" (as referred to in the TPP entry into force provision), which is also circulated to other TPP members. This would be a public step.
 - 6.4. However, the TPP regulations will be held by the Cabinet office until we receive notice that the TPP12 will enter into force.
 - 6.5. Once the TPP entry into force date is known (i.e. if the US returns to TPP), a commencement date can be inserted into the regulations. These can then proceed from Cabinet Office to Executive Council. Approval for this step would be sought from relevant portfolio Ministers.

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¹ In particular, Overseas Investment Act regulations (to implement the TPP screening threshold) and administrative changes to PHARMAC's practices (significant progress has been made on both of these, including completion of public consultations); Tariff Act regulations (to implement preferential tariff rates); Customs and Exercise Act regulations (to implement rules of origin); administrative steps to implement technical barriers to trade measures; publication of certain notices (to promote initiatives under the TPP Environment and Labour chapters); administrative measures (in relation to the Legislation Act) to implement certain transparency and consultation obligations; Medsafe administrative guidance, steps to accede to four intellectual property treaties as required by TPP, drafting of an Order in Council specifying the commencement date for the TPP Act.

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s6(a), s9(2)(j)

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Benefits of a 'TPP11 Agreement'

14. A TPP11 Agreement would serve two purposes:

14.1. Secure the economic and strategic benefits of the current version of TPP signed in February 2016, and look to realise them for remaining members.

14.2. s6(a), s9(2)(j)

15. A TPP11 Agreement would deliver significant economic benefits for New Zealand:

15.1. It would be our first FTA with Japan, Canada, Mexico, and Peru, delivering improved access to those markets.

15.2. s9(2)(j)

s9(2)(g)(i)

15.4. Tariff savings, while not a directly attributable gain to New Zealand, would be significant. Savings under a TPP11 agreement are estimated at \$222 million, compared to \$274 million under the current Agreement with the US. s9(2)(j)

s9(2)(j)

*Trade Negotiations Division / Legal Division
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
February 2017*

Note to Minister of Trade: ratification of TPP

1. There are strong trade policy and commercial reasons why New Zealand should complete its remaining domestic work necessary to provide formal notification of ratification of TPP in advance of a likely meeting of TPP Ministers on the margins of APEC on 20/21 May 2017). This would set New Zealand up well for a positive discussion on how to take TPP forward at the APEC meeting.

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3. s6(a), s9(2)(j)

Benefits of a 'TPP11 Agreement'

4. A TPP11 Agreement would serve two purposes:

- 4.1. Secure the economic and strategic benefits of the current version of TPP signed in February 2016, and look to realise them for remaining members.

- 4.2. s6(a), s9(2)(j)

5. A TPP11 Agreement would still produce significant economic benefits for us:

- 5.1. It would be our first FTA with Japan, Canada, Mexico and Peru, delivering improved access to those markets.

- 5.2. s9(2)(j)

- 5.3. Tariff savings, while not a directly attributable gain to New Zealand, would be significant. Savings under a TPP11 agreement are estimated at \$222 million, compared to \$274 million under the current Agreement with the US. s9(2)(j)

- 5.4. s9(2)(g)(i)

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From: SENIOR, Angus (TND)
Sent: Wednesday, 31 May 2017 2:40 p.m.
To: ...s9(2)(a) (Inet)
Cc: BAILEY, Peter (ECO); SINCLAIR, Brody (TND)
Subject: RE: MOT request for TPP facts

Hi s9(2)(a)

Sounds good.

The combined GDP of those TPP countries where it would be our first FTA (Japan, Canada, Mexico and Peru) is \$US7.7 trillion (2016). For comparison, in 2008, China's GDP was \$US4.6 trillion.

On your other question about current trade. In 2016, total exports (goods and services) to the new FTA countries was \$NZ5.4 billion (goods exports \$4.1 billion and services exports \$1.3 billion)

For reference, total exports (goods and services) to China in 2008 were \$NZ2.7 billion (goods exports \$1.8 billion and services \$926 million).

Peter – step in if I have got any of that wrong.

Angus

From: ...s9(2)(a) (Inet)
Sent: Wednesday, 31 May 2017 2:02 p.m.
To: SENIOR, Angus (TND)
Cc: BAILEY, Peter (ECO); SINCLAIR, Brody (TND)
Subject: RE: MOT request for TPP facts

Hi Angus

s9(2)(g)(i)

Quick question – you talk about the combined GDP of the four countries we don't have an FTA with being 67% bigger than China's GDP was in 2008. Can you therefore tell me how much that combined GDP of those four countries is? (ie a figure)

Thanks!

We will run the final lines past you for fact-checking before submitting to Minister.

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Cc: BAILEY, Peter (ECO) <Peter.Bailey@mfat.govt.nz>; SINCLAIR, Brody (TND) <Brody.Sinclair@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: MOT request for TPP facts

Hi s9(2)(a)

Here is some information in answer to your below query:

An Agreement with the remaining TPP countries (TPP11) would be our biggest ever new FTA. By way of comparison, the combined GDP of the remaining TPP countries is more than double China's GDP when we signed the NZ-China FTA in 2008. The combined GDP of just the TPP11 countries that New Zealand does not yet have a trade agreement with (Japan, Canada, Mexico and Peru) is 67% bigger than China's GDP was in 2008. Additionally, in 2016, the combined value of New Zealand's exports (goods and services) to the remaining TPP countries was \$21.5 billion compared to \$12.3 billion to China (NZD).

Let me know if you need anything clarified or would like further information.

Angus

Angus Senior

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From: ..s9(2)(a) (Inet)
Sent: Friday, 26 May 2017 5:23 p.m.
To: SINCLAIR, Brody (TND); SENIOR, Angus (TND)
Cc: VITALIS, Vangelis (DS TEG); KELLY, Clare (TND); ...s9(2)(a) (Inet)
Subject: TPP facts

Hi TPP team

We are looking to develop a line on TPP for expected questions in the House. Can you please advise whether the following statement is true?

- TPP11 will still be our biggest ever FTA (in terms of existing trade, new market access, global GDP, or anything else you can think of)?
- Specifically, is it bigger than the China FTA was in 2008 when we signed?

With apologies for the tight timeline, could we have an answer by Monday midday please?

Heads up that we may then also have some specific wording to be fact-checked in a rush before the Minister delivers answers to questions in the House.

Thanks

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TPP

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Background

Benefits of TPP

The US withdrawal from TPP means that it will be impossible for the Agreement, in its current form, to enter into force for any country. There are strategic reasons why the remaining TPP signatories should consider pushing on with TPP, including in the form of a 'TPP11 Agreement', including to:

- 1.1. Secure the positive economic benefits of the current version of TPP signed in February 2016, and look to realise them for the remaining members' businesses and consumers. A noodle bowl of bilateral agreements won't achieve the same outcome, and risks fragmenting the regional architecture and creates additional transaction costs for business.
 - 1.2. Demonstrate commitment by the remaining members to trade liberalisation and a rules-based international trading system. This 'momentum' effect would be a significant confidence boost in international markets in the face of otherwise growing protectionist pressures;
 - 1.3. Enable current members to shape regional rules which, once in force, would provide a platform for further economic integration in the Asia-Pacific. s9(2)(j)
 - 1.4. s6(a), s9(2)(j)
2. Along with the collective benefits, a TPP11 Agreement would deliver significant economic benefits for New Zealand:
 - 2.1. It would be our first FTA with Japan, Canada, Mexico, and Peru, delivering improved access to those markets.
 - 2.2. s9(2)(g)(i)

s9(2)(g)(i)

2.3. Tariff savings, while not a directly attributable gain to New Zealand, would also be significant. Savings under a TPP11 Agreement are estimated at \$222 million, compared to \$274 million under the current Agreement with the US. s9(2)(j)

2.4. s9(2)(j)

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New Zealand's ratification process

s6(a), s9(2)(j)

6. The majority of work necessary for New Zealand to ratify TPP was completed with the passage of the Trans-Pacific Agreement Amendment Act on 15 November 2016. However, further work with respect to regulations and administrative measures is required before New Zealand can ratify.²

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MFAT is working with other agencies to complete the necessary preparatory work by May so Cabinet approval can be sought for in-principle approval of regulations and other measures (as necessary); and approve notification of the TPP Depository of completion of legal procedures necessary to ratify TPP. This would be a public step.

7. At that point, the TPP regulations will be held by the Cabinet office until we receive notice that the TPP will enter into force and a commencement date can be inserted into the regulations. These can then proceed from Cabinet Office to Executive Council. Approval for this step would be sought from relevant portfolio Ministers.

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TPP11 public modelling and analysis brief

Since the United States' withdrawal from the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) a number of organisations and academics have tried to assess what the benefit is for the remaining 11 signatories. This document synthesises publicly-released TPP11 analysis and modelling based on an identical agreement with only a modified entry into force provision. So far, research indicates that there are significant benefits to be had by TPP11 members; for some, the benefit could even be greater than under TPP12.

Ken Kawasaki

- Kawasaki's model predicts that New Zealand would benefit under both TPP12 (4.27% increase in real GDP) and under TPP11 (4.3% increase in real GDP).
- Kawasaki's model predicts that Japan would benefit under both TPP12 (1.37% increase in real GDP) and under TPP11 (1.11% increase in real GDP).
- Kawasaki's model predicts that the United States would benefit under both TPP12 (0.77% increase in real GDP) and, to a lesser extent, under TPP11 (0.14% increase in real GDP) because of the spillover effect of reductions in non-tariff barriers in the TPP region. If only considering the impact of tariff reductions, Kawasaki predicts the US would face a 0.01% decrease in real GDP.

S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)

- RSIS' modelling estimates that the net benefit of TPP11 to all its members is 0.4% of their combined GDP and that TPP11 would add some US\$5 billion to global welfare.
- RSIS predicts that the United States would be the most significant "loser" under TPP11, with an expected GDP contraction of 0.2%. They note that any US jobs saved in manufacturing and extractive industries would be more than offset by job losses in the agricultural and services sectors.
- RSIS expects that countries without privileged trading relations with the US would be worse off under TPP11 relative to their predicted gains under TPP12. Nevertheless, they estimate the impact on Japan's GDP under TPP11 at 0.5%.

Asian Trade Centre

- ATC argues that the benefits of a TPP11 agreement remain, "whether or not the United States ever re-joins the deal" because the US is already:
 - an open market with which many TPP countries already have free trade agreements; and
 - in alignment with most of the TPP rules, whether or not it proceeds with the agreement.
- TPP11 continues to offer "substantial market access benefits" to the participating countries because firms that operate in and across the TPP region will face fewer tariff barriers in TPP markets, with the majority of tariffs falling to zero upon EIF. Once fully implemented, nearly all will be at zero for all TPP members.
- Similarly, TPP outcomes in the areas of services and investment, market access, rules of origin, and customs and trade facilitation will make for a "much more dynamic, integrated and competitive region with benefits that are limited to TPP-member firms. Non-TPP member firms will not have access to these preferential benefits."
- As such, TPP11 would lead to greater competition, better value products, and newly-viable export markets while providing firms with lower risk, greater certainty, and improved opportunities for doing business across TPP member markets.