

Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Termination IPPA - Indonesia 2019- 2020

QUESTION ON NOTICE / Spoken

1 – Exchange of letters terminating the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia concerning the Promotion and Protection of Investments (Jakarta, 6 February 2020)

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Topic: CPTPP – Side Letters

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Question

With respect to the CPTPP, is DFAT aware of other Parties having entered into side letters with each other but not Australia?

Answer

In the context of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), a number of Parties agreed side instruments/letters with a number of other Parties on a range of issues. Side instruments/letters between Parties that do not include Australia do not affect Australia's implementation or benefits under the CPTPP. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade lists all of Australia's side letters/instruments on our website (www.dfat.gov.au/trade/agreements/in-force/cptpp/official-documents/Pages/official-documents). Some countries have provided a copy of their side instruments/letters on their respective websites, for example:

Brunei Darussalam: [www.mofe.gov.bn/Divisions/Comprehensive-and-Progressive-Agreement-for-Trans-Pacific-Partnership-\(CPTPP\)-Texts.aspx](http://www.mofe.gov.bn/Divisions/Comprehensive-and-Progressive-Agreement-for-Trans-Pacific-Partnership-(CPTPP)-Texts.aspx)

Canada: www.international.gc.ca/trade-commerce/trade-agreements-accords-commerciaux/agr-acc/cptpp-ptpgp/text-texte/letters-lettres.aspx?lang=eng

Japan: https://www.cas.go.jp/jp/tpp/naiyou/tpp_side_letter_en.html

Malaysia: fta.miti.gov.my/index.php/pages/view/71

New Zealand: www.mfat.govt.nz/en/trade/free-trade-agreements/free-trade-agreements-in-force/cptpp/comprehensive-and-progressive-agreement-for-trans-pacific-partnership-text-and-resources/

Singapore: www.mti.gov.sg/en/Improving-Trade/Free-Trade-Agreements/CPTPP