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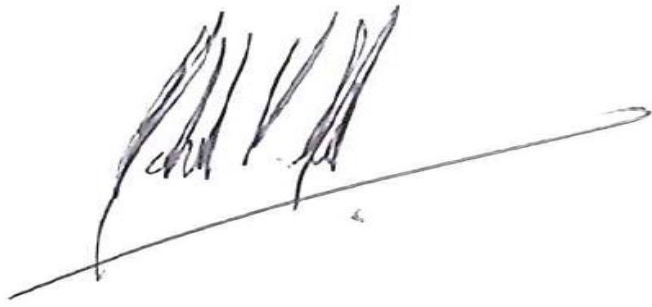
Dear Mr Benn,

I have pleasure in sharing with you a copy of "[Brexit : what's at stake for businesses](#)".

Ever since the EU referendum I have listened very carefully to business voices explaining the potential impacts for them of the UK leaving the EU. As the UK edges ever closer to Brexit, the overwhelming impression I gain is of high levels of concern, about not only the likely substance but also the uncertainty and lack of clarity.

There are many aspects of the negotiations and the future relationship with the EU which need to be considered. This document aims to make these as clear as possible, not only for businesses but also for the general public. It shows what real companies are wrestling with and highlights what's really at stake for them in terms of people, profit, practicalities and future possibilities they risk missing out on. We shall be producing similar material later in the year on what's at stake for individuals and society.

The Scottish Government will always welcome views on how today's decision making is shaping tomorrow's outlook. I would welcome your Committee's support in sharing it more widely amongst your networks, and to encourage others to tell us what they think by sending us further examples of what's at stake at: [Europeanengagement@gov.scot](mailto:Europeanengagement@gov.scot)

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