



# Committee on Exiting the European Union

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*Dear Secretary of State,*

2 November 2017

Thank you for your telephone call of last night following the decision of the House that ministers should now provide to the Select Committee on Exiting the EU the impact assessments referred to in the answer of 26 June 2017 to Question 239.

I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing as soon as possible the arrangements that you are now making to give effect to this decision which the Speaker has said would "have traditionally been regarded as binding or effective". As I indicated to you, once the material has been provided to the Committee I would be very happy to discuss with you any particular concerns you may have about publication of parts of the material so that the Committee can take these into account in making its decision on release.

I note the Leader of the House's statement of 26 October that, where a motion tabled by an opposition party is approved by the House, the Government will respond to the resolution by making a statement no more than 12 weeks after the debate. However, given that in this case the Government already has the material, I trust that it will be possible to provide the documents concerned much sooner than that.

As we agreed, I would be happy to talk further about this matter with you.

I am copying this letter to Mr Speaker and to Committee Members and will be placing a copy of it on the Committee's website.

*Yours sincerely,*

*James Clapp*

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Chair