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Dear Hilary

Please find enclosed a copy of the Government's "EU Exit Analysis - Cross Whitehall Briefing". The Opposition Day motion of 31 January requested that the EU exit analysis be provided to the Exiting the European Union Committee and made available to all Members on a confidential basis as a matter of urgency.

As the Parliamentary Under Secretary, Robin Walker, made clear on 31 January, the Government is complying with the motion.

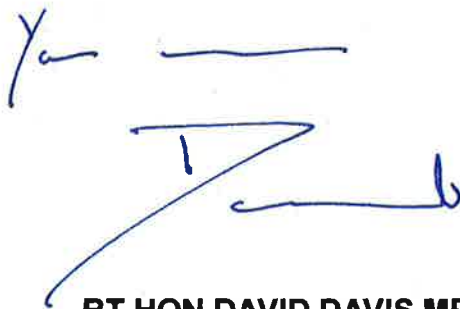
As such, the Government is sharing the analysis with the House of Commons Exiting the EU Committee and the House of Lords EU Committee. The documents will also be made available to Members of both Houses in a reading room from today. Lord Callanan and Robin Walker have written to all Members separately to provide details of the arrangements for this.

During the debate on 31 January, Robin Walker made clear that the document was a work in progress. It contains a large number of caveats, and sets out on every page that this is "draft analytical thinking with preliminary results". It does not reflect this Government's policy approaches, and is not representative of the expected outcome of the negotiations.

Nevertheless the document remains sensitive. While I recognise that this evidence will now be the property of the Committee, I am sure you will recognise that placing an unfinished analysis such as this in the public domain will not serve the national interest. Indeed the confidential nature of the document is acknowledged in the motion.

We now consider the motion of 31 January 2018 to have been satisfied.

I am copying this letter to the Speaker.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'D' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

RT HON DAVID DAVIS MP
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