Thank you for your letter of 25 October regarding the application of the One-in, Three-out rule for new regulatory measures during and after the UK’s withdrawal from the European Union. You wrote originally to my colleague, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. He has passed your letter to me as better regulation falls within my ministerial portfolio.

The reference in the explanatory memorandum to the ‘one in, three out rule’ related to an administrative rule for the last Parliament that supported the Government’s business impact target (BIT) for that Parliament. The Government is currently considering what the BIT should be for this Parliamentary session. This includes which measures are within its scope and which are not.

I fully understand that this is likely to be unhelpful to the Committee, but until the business impact target has been announced, it is not possible for me to answer the three questions you asked.

THE RT HON LORD HENLEY
Parliamentary Undersecretary of State, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy