



## Procedure Committee

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### **Delegated legislation under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018**

Thank you for your letter of 8 October, which the Committee welcomed warmly, and for our discussion yesterday about the prospective flow of instruments to the House under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

You indicated the reasons for the relatively slow flow of instruments to Parliament since the passage of the Act, and gave an indicative timetable for the planned flow of draft affirmative instruments and proposals for negative instruments in the six months to 29 March 2019.

It would aid the Committee's understanding of the overall position if you were able to write to indicate the expected number of (a) draft affirmative instruments, (b) proposals for negative instruments and (c) instruments subject to any other procedure under the 2018 Act which you expect to be laid before Parliament in each of those months.

Where affirmative instruments are to be laid, it would be helpful to know whether there are any plans to lay related instruments at a similar time with a view to having them debated together in committee.

Should agreement be reached between the UK and the EU on the terms of withdrawal, and should that agreement be approved by the House, I expect you will wish to update the Committee about how this outline schedule is to be revised in consequence and what the likely flow of correcting instruments over any transition period will be.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Charles Walker', written in a cursive style.

**Charles Walker OBE MP**