Dear Permanent Secretary,

I write in response to your letter on 30 April concerning EU Exit workstreams across Government.

Whilst I understand the sensitivities surrounding the ongoing negotiations, the quantity and depth of information in your letter falls short of the Committee's expectations.

We note that the number of workstreams enumerated in your latest letter is 325, an increase on the 313 cited in the NAO's report. The Committee would be grateful for an explanation of the change in the total number of workstreams, including a list of any additional workstreams and which Department is responsible for taking them forward.

Appendix A to the National Audit Office's report on Exiting the European Union: the Foreign and Commonwealth Office lists the FCO's 11 workstreams and progress against them. The Government cleared publication of that report and we are therefore unconvinced that details about progress against individual workstreams cannot be provided to the Committee. The Committee therefore expects the department to reconsider its rejection of the Committee's recommendation that we be provided with a complete list of workstreams with, unless explicitly identified as detrimental to negotiations, an indication of progress on delivering new infrastructure and systems.