Dear Nicky,

Thank you for your letter dated 10 October regarding the appointment of Professor Sir Stephen Nickell as a specialist advisor to work on your inquiry into the UK's economic relationship with the European Union.

The government has confirmed that, before our deal with the European Union is presented to the House for a meaningful vote, we will ensure that Parliament is presented with the appropriate analysis to make an informed decision. As part of this, we understand the importance of the analysis being presented clearly and transparently to inform the decisions Parliament will be taking.

As I set out during my appearance before the Committee on 5 November, this analysis has been conducted by a cross-government group of economics professionals. DExEU have led this process with support from HM Treasury and others across government. I am happy to ensure officials from the relevant departments engage with Sir Stephen constructively and transparently on the analysis.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Hammond