Thank you for appearing before the Treasury Committee on 1 November 2017 as part of its inquiry into the UK’s economic relationship with the European Union. During the evidence session we discussed the role of the National Audit Office in scrutinising any withdrawal payment that the UK Government commits to pay to the European Union.

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister stated to the House of Commons on 11 December 2017 that the UK Government has agreed with the EU “the scope of commitments, and methods for valuations and adjustments to those values” relating to a withdrawal payment. She also stated that “the calculations currently say that the valuation would be £35 billion to £39 billion”. I am writing to request that the National Audit Office examines the reasonableness of this payment, including the assumptions and methodologies used, to provide assurance to Parliament.

I will be placing this letter in the public domain.

The Rt Hon. Nicky Morgan MP  
Chair of the Treasury Committee