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Dear Chief Secretary,

Prior to the announcement of the House's prorogation next week, we had invited you to attend an evidence session on the topic of *UK's Economic Relationship with the European Union*. You declined this invitation, partially because no deal planning is "something individual departments would be best placed to respond to". I am writing to you to respond to that statement.

While it is right that each department is conducting its own preparations for a possible no-deal Brexit, departments are only able to act within the funding provided by the Treasury and agreed by the Chief Secretary to the Treasury. It is not realistic to see no-deal preparation as a matter on which the Treasury is not involved. As you know, the preparation activities of other departments will be scrutinised by their own departmental select committees, and it is right and proper that the involvement of the Treasury be scrutinised by its corresponding select committee.

The Committee agreed today that you should be invited to reconsider your position regarding attending. Therefore, after the Committee agrees its future programme we hope to arrange for you to attend an evidence session in late October. After the House prorogues and a new Chair of the committee has been elected we trust that you will be able to fix a date for your availability, and I look forward to seeing you.

Yours ever,



John Mann MP
Interim Chair of the Treasury Committee