



# Treasury Committee

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## Treasury Committee hearing: follow-up

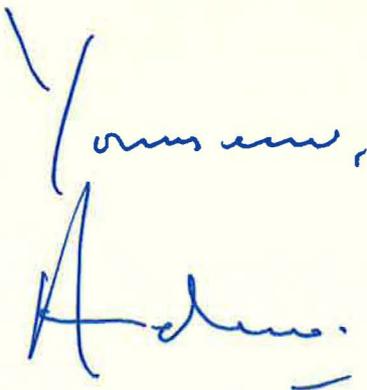
Thank you for appearing before the Committee on 7 February. The evidence you provided has raised a number of further questions, on which the Committee would be grateful for further information.

- The current RAG status of the Customs Declaration Service (CDS) project
- A description of the contingency plans in place if the CDS is not ready at the point the UK leaves the EU, and no customs arrangement or transitional provisions have been agreed (described by you as the “day one model”) [Q545]
- A description of the “functional changes” required to the CDS for it to work effectively under the “day one model” [Q547]
- A list of the other border systems operated by HMRC and their purpose [Q540]
- Further details on the statement that “96% of customs declarations are cleared within seconds” [Q551], including:
  - The proportion of (a) export and (b) import declarations that are cleared “within seconds”
  - The mean and median wait for import declarations that are not cleared “within seconds”
  - The proportion of shipments to the UK from outside the EU that undergo (a) documentary and (b) physical inspections, and the mean and median wait in each case

- A description of the policy changes expected to be required from “day one” that necessitate a separate Customs Bill [Q554]
- Whether anyone in HMRC drafted any part of the Government’s White Paper on exiting the EU (or merely commented on a draft prepared by someone else) [Q559-62]
- HMRC’s view on the importance of intelligence and information sharing between customs authorities in the EU, and in particular the likely effect on customs inspections and procedures if such arrangements were lost, assuming HMRC’s risk tolerance remains as it is now [Q565]
- The statistical basis for the statement that there could be a fivefold increase in customs declarations once the UK leaves the EU [Q567]
- A copy of the minutes of the first two JCCC Brexit sub-committee meetings. [Q578]
- Further thoughts on how EU tariff rate quotas for third country imports might be split between the UK and the remaining EU [Q611]
- A list of the agencies that operate at the UK’s borders [Q615]
- The proportion of exports from the UK to countries with which EU preferential trading agreements exist, for which rules-of-origin certifications have been made. The proportion of exports from the UK to all non-EU countries for which rules-of-origin certifications have been made. An estimate of the proportion of intra-EU trade for which rules-of-origin certifications would have to be made, were a zero-tariff free trade deal to be negotiated [Q626-7]

I would be grateful for a response to the questions above by 21<sup>st</sup> February.

I will be putting this letter, and in due course your response, in the public domain.



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