The Rt. Hon. The Lord Whitty
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Dear Lord Whitty,

HOUSE OF LORDS EU INTERNAL MARKET SUB-COMMITTEE – BREXIT: COMPETITION AND STATE AID

Thank you for your letter of 27th April asking for clarification on the Government’s responses to recommendations 10 and 21 of the Committee’s report.

In November 2017, the Chancellor announced an extra £2.8m of funding a year for the CMA so it can take on more cases against companies that are acting unfairly and stamp out anti-competitive practices. The extra funding will allow the CMA to secure additional staff resources within frontline project teams and a proportional increase in corporate services. It is separate from the £23.6m announced in the 2018 Spring Statement which is for EU exit preparations.

The CMA has been allocated £23.6m in 2018-2019 to ensure it is prepared for a variety of potential EU exit scenarios and for an expanded role after EU exit, including a new role as the UK State aid regulator.

We are continuing to engage with the Devolved Administrations in developing the UK’s future State aid framework. I welcome your efforts to seek their views on the Government response to your report.

Yours sincerely,

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