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Dear Michael,

I am writing further to my comments in the House on 2 November and this afternoon, and to your letter to the Secretary of State requesting to meet at the earliest possible opportunity.

As I said in the Chamber this afternoon, we anticipate being able to share the information with the Lords EU Committee on the same basis as with the Commons Exiting the European Union Committee, subject to us being able to agree the terms of that disclosure.

As my ministerial colleagues in the Commons and I have explained, the documentation referred to in the Opposition motion is in fact a wide mix of qualitative and quantitative analysis, contained in a range of documents developed at different times since the referendum. It is not a series of discrete impact assessments examining the quantitative impact of Brexit.

The Secretary of State for Exiting the EU is due to meet with the Chair of the Select Committee for Exiting the EU to discuss the timing and nature of disclosure, conscious that the House of Commons has itself recognised that while ministers should be as open as possible with Parliament, we also have an obligation to consider where it would not be in the public interest for material to be published.
The Secretary of State is due to meet with the Chair of the Select Committee for Exiting the EU on 13 November. I have asked my office to make arrangements for us to meet once that meeting has taken place.

Kind Regards

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