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Dear Secretary of State

Thank you for your letter of 27 November addressed to me and to the Chair of the House of Commons Exiting the European Union Committee, Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP, and copied to the devolved administrations, together with the material you have released to us.

We note that the Chair of the Exiting the European Union Committee wrote to you on 28 November, and we also note his request that you appear before that Committee to discuss the matters raised in his letter.

Can you inform us if the Government has prepared an overarching analysis of these documents, with a view to identifying their key themes and findings? If so, will you share it with the Committee? If not, will you undertake to prepare such an analysis? We shall in the meantime undertake our own analysis of the documents.

We also note your statement that these are not discrete impact assessments. Is it your intention to produce such impact assessments, to inform your approach to negotiations on future trade, and to any implementing legislation?

We note the statement by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, in response to an Urgent Question on 28 November, that “we have initiated discussions with the parliamentary authorities to make this information available to all colleagues through a reading room.” We note that, in repeating the statement, Lord Callanan confirmed that this House would have access to the material. We therefore trust that you are making arrangements for the information also to be made available to members of the House of Lords.

We would be grateful for a response to this letter by 8 December 2017.

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Acting Chairman, House of Lords European Union Committee