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Dear *My*

Thank you for your letter of 22nd February, regarding Defra's EU Exit work streams.

To date, Defra has identified 43 work streams related to our March 2019 readiness for EU Exit. The scope of our overall portfolio is currently subject to review as we bring together our preparations for both a no deal scenario and longer-term work triggered by EU exit. This is likely to increase the scope of the programme to around 70 projects in total.

These work streams cover a range of activities, from the import control system, to chemicals frameworks. The details of plans will come forward in the usual way, for example through consultation, and we will continue to keep Parliament informed through regular statements, committee appearances, and debates. Individual projects are subject to scrutiny through review by the Infrastructure and Projects Authority, and through ongoing reviews on implementing EU Exit by the NAO.

We have plans for all Day 1 projects, and are in the process of ensuring that those plans are at sufficient level of detail. This work has been sequenced on the basis on the priority status of the project and we are confident that we are focusing our planning on the most complex projects to deliver.

All projects have risks attached, which will ebb and flow as the projects mature. The department has been closely monitoring plans and risks and completing regular reviews to drive out any blockers to progress.

I hope this answer is useful. I look forward to continuing to discuss Defra's EU Exit work with you further in the coming months.

Thank you again for your letter.

With every good wish,

Michael Gove