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Dear Philip

Following my letter to you on 27 June setting out what the Treasury Committee expects to see from HM Treasury ahead of the Parliamentary “meaningful vote” later on this year¹, I thought it would be useful to update you on the Committee’s plans to scrutinise the analysis.

The Committee has appointed Professor Sir Stephen Nickell as a specialist advisor to work on our inquiry on the *UK's economic relationship with the European Union* and specifically to advise on the economic impact of the withdrawal agreement and other policy decisions.

Given Professor Nickell’s recent role on the Budget Responsibility Committee and therefore his experience working with Treasury when developing forecasts, I hope that you will allow your officials to engage with him in private as part of his work so that he is able to discuss assumptions and econometric modelling with your technical experts; in the limited time I expect to be available for scrutiny, the Treasury Committee would like to make the most of the time available and not to be asking technical questions by correspondence or in oral evidence when they could be answered easily otherwise.

I am grateful that you are able to appear before the Committee separately to discuss the Budget and then this analysis. I had hoped to be able to set out the Committee’s views on timing but this still remains unclear; Parliament and this Committee will need time to consider complex analysis and I hope that this will be reflected in the amount of time available to do so. With the cross-government nature of all Brexit work, I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union and the Chair of the Exiting the European Union Committee.

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The Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP
Chair of Treasury Committee

¹ <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201719/cmselect/cmtreasy/correspondence/chair-coe-brexite-analysis-270618.pdf>