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Dear Mr Griffiths

House of Lords EU Internal Market Sub-Committee – Brexit: Competition and State aid

Thank you for your response to the Committee's report on the impact of Brexit on competition and State aid and for your supplementary letter confirming the Government's position that the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) is best placed to take the role of the UK's State aid regulator.

Your response highlights that the CMA will be provided with an extra £2.8m a year to "take on more cases against businesses that are acting unfairly" and the Treasury has announced that the CMA has been allocated with an additional £23.6m in 2018-2019 "to prepare for EU exit". Please could you provide more information on what the additional £2.8m is to be spent on and if this is included in the £23.6m figure? We are also interested to know if the £23.6m is inclusive of the costs associated with the CMA's preparation to become the UK State aid authority.

We reiterate the importance of involving and securing the support of the devolved administrations in developing the UK's future State aid framework; as such we will seek the views of the devolved administrations on your response to our report.

We would be grateful for a response to this letter within 10 working days.

Yours sincerely

Lord Whitty
Chairman of the EU Internal Market Sub-Committee