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The Rt. Hon. The Lord Whitty  
Chair of the EU Internal Market Sub-Committee  
House of Lords  
London  
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*Dear Lord Whitty,*

**HOUSE OF LORDS EU INTERNAL MARKET SUB-COMMITTEE – BREXIT:  
COMPETITION AND STATE AID**

Thank you for your letter of 27<sup>th</sup> April asking for clarification on the Government's responses to recommendations 10 and 21 of the Committee's report.

In November 2017, the Chancellor announced an extra £2.8m of funding a year for the CMA so it can take on more cases against companies that are acting unfairly and stamp out anti-competitive practices. The extra funding will allow the CMA to secure additional staff resources within frontline project teams and a proportional increase in corporate services. It is separate from the £23.6m announced in the 2018 Spring Statement which is for EU exit preparations.

The CMA has been allocated £23.6m in 2018-2019 to ensure it is prepared for a variety of potential EU exit scenarios and for an expanded role after EU exit, including a new role as the UK State aid regulator.

We are continuing to engage with the Devolved Administrations in developing the UK's future State aid framework. I welcome your efforts to seek their views on the Government response to your report.

Yours sincerely,

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