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Dear Kelly

House of Lords EU Internal Market Sub-Committee – post-Brexit State aid and associated matters

1. The former Chair of the EU Internal Market Sub-Committee, Lord Whitty, wrote to you on 1 July 2019 with a number of questions related to the Government's preparations for a domestic State aid framework after Brexit, as well as associated matters such as policy decisions affecting the steel sector.¹
2. We requested a reply by 25 July 2019. More than three months after this date we are yet to receive a response.
3. As you are aware, this is an important matter as EU State aid law is currently applied directly in the UK and enforced by the Commission. This means that a domestic State aid framework will be needed to replace the EU system after Brexit. The Sub-Committee maintains a legitimate interest in understanding the progress of preparatory work and policy development.
4. **We therefore request an urgent reply to the conclusions and questions in our 1 July 2019 letter.**
5. We copy this letter to Lord Tyrie, Chair of the Competition and Markets Authority, Rachel Reeves MP, Chair of the House of Commons Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) Committee, and Rebecca Davies, Clerk to the Commons BEIS Committee.

¹ Letter from Lord Whitty, Chairman of the EU Internal Market Sub-Committee, to Kelly Tolhurst, MP, Minister for Small Business, Consumers & Corporate Responsibility (1 July 2019): <https://www.parliament.uk/documents/lords-committees/eu-internal-market-subcommittee/brexit-competition/010719-Letter-from-Lord-Whitty-to-Kelly-Tolhurst.pdf> [accessed 25 October 2018]

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rita Donaghy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'y'.

Baroness Donaghy
Chair of the EU Internal Market Sub-Committee