Dear Minister,

**Sectoral analysis reports on the UK's withdrawal from the EU**

I am writing to you on behalf of the Scottish Parliament’s Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee in relation to the sectoral analysis reports provided to you by the Secretary of State for Exiting the EU on 27 November 2017.

As you are aware, my Committee has carried out extensive inquiry work into the implications for Scotland of withdrawing from the EU. The Committee has considered that a development of this significance should be the subject of full and extensive parliamentary scrutiny. In this context, I am writing to ask you whether there is any information that you are able to share with us relating to the assessment of the impact of EU withdrawal on key sectors of the Scottish economy. While the sectoral analysis reports have been provided to the UK Parliament committees and devolved administrations, they have not been provided to the devolved legislatures.

I am aware that you told the Finance Committee on 29 November that the information was provided to you in a confidential way, but I would be grateful if you could consider whether you could provide us with the following—

- an indication of which of the sectoral analyses are relevant to the Scottish economy and whether there are any sectors of the Scottish economy which have not been covered by the UK Government’s reports;
• information on the type of analysis that has been conducted by the UK Government and whether you consider it to fully assess the impacts of EU withdrawal for Scotland;
• the extent to which the analyses accord with your own assessment of the impact of EU withdrawal for Scotland;
• whether the analyses are premised on a particular type of relationship with the EU; and
• any other matters that you think the Committee should be aware of in light of its inquiry work.

Kind regards,

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