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Dear Mr Gove,

At our informal awayday on 28 August, the Finance and Constitution Committee held discussions with Scottish and UK Government officials on the following—

- Legislation in devolved areas which previously would have been within the competence of the EU;
- International Treaties including trade deals which cover devolved areas and which would previously have been negotiated by the EU;
- Common UK frameworks which the UK Government and the Scottish and Welsh Governments agree will be needed post-Brexit.

Following discussions, the Committee agreed to invite you as a matter of urgency to discuss the potential constitutional implications for devolution of the UK leaving the EU without a deal. The Committee also expressed concern about the lack of progress with the on-going review of inter-governmental relations and would welcome an update.

I would be grateful if you could ask your officials to liaise with our committee clerks to arrange a convenient date as soon as is practical.

Yours sincerely,

Bruce Crawford MSP
Convener