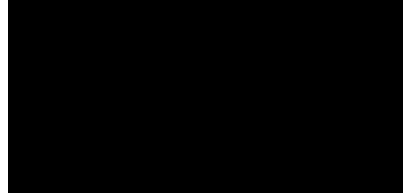




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**Dear Marie**

### **COMMITTEE SCRUTINY OF CROSS-CUTTING BREXIT ISSUES**

Thank you for your letter dated 17 September 2020 requesting a number of briefings in relation to EU Exit matters.

I have provided a response to each of the briefing requests below.

- An **oral** briefing on the outcome of the Inter-Governmental Review (schedule post publication of review report).

*This request for an Oral briefing on the Inter- Governmental Review is noted and can be scheduled in the work programme when there is more clarity around the timing of the publication of the review report.*

- An **oral** briefing on the UK Internal Market Bill and the impact provisions will have on devolution (schedule if/when the Bill passes its stages).

*This request for an Oral briefing on the UK Internal Bill and the impact provisions will have on devolution is also noted and can be scheduled in the work programme when there is more clarity around the timings for the passage for the Bill and the provisions included in the final Bill when passed.*

- In relation to the NDNA commitment to carry out an assessment of the impact of Brexit on the institutions and North/South and East/West relationships, a **written** briefing providing details of the work currently being undertaken and the timeframe for completion of the assessment (due by **1 October 2020**).

and

- An **oral** briefing on the outcome of the assessment of the impact of Brexit on the institutions and North/South and East/West relationships (schedule when assessment complete).

*In this EU Exit Transition period discussions are ongoing on many areas that could have an impact on the institutions and the North/South and East/West relationships. The outcome of negotiations is not yet known and clarity is outstanding on several areas of the Protocol. It would therefore not be practicable to bring forward any proposals to the Executive on this assessment at this time. It is likely that consideration of proposals for this assessment will not take place until after the end of the Transition period.*

- An **oral** briefing on the UK Command Paper and those areas where the UK Government has said it will work with the Executive (schedule for **14 October 2020**).

*An oral briefing by officials has been included in the work programme for 14 October.*

- A briefing on funding arrangements for a “dedicated mechanism” (format of briefing and timing to be considered)

*Officials are happy to provide a written briefing on funding arrangements for a dedicated mechanism and suggest that late October might be an appropriate time for this.*

- An **oral** briefing on EU funding programmes/participation in EU programmes in the future (schedule briefing(s) before end December 2020).

*We have noted this request for a briefing of EU Funding programmes and will discuss arrangements and timing for this with you.*

- Monthly **written** briefings providing a general update on Brexit issues. It is envisaged that these updates will be provided in between the monthly oral briefings by Junior Ministers.
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*The request for written briefings between the monthly oral briefings by Junior Ministers is noted and I would be grateful if we could discuss further to agree arrangements for the provision of such papers as these are likely to provide the basis for the Junior Ministers attendance at the Committee and will cover issues on which the Committee has requested as separate oral and written briefings.*

- A **written** briefing on the current position in relation to the Joint Consultative Working Group and a copy of the Rules of Procedure when finalised (written briefing due **8 October 2020**).

*The request for this briefing is noted and is currently being actioned.*

As we have indicated separately, officials have provided oral briefings on preparations for a 'no deal' Brexit on 30 September and Common Frameworks on 7 October, and will provide an oral briefing on the UK Command Paper on 14 October.

We will also endeavour to share JMC(EN) agendas in advance of meetings and a timely summary of discussions and outcomes following the meetings.

Yours sincerely



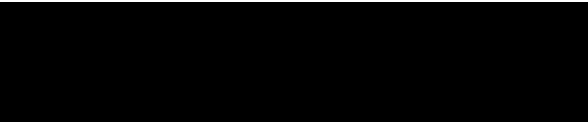
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Dear 

**COMMITTEE SCRUTINY OF CROSS-CUTTING BREXIT ISSUES**

At its meeting on 16 September 2020, the Committee for the Executive Office agreed to request departmental briefings as listed below. Timings are included where appropriate:

- An **oral** briefing on the outcome of the Inter-Governmental Review (schedule post publication of review report).
- An **oral** briefing on the UK Internal Market Bill and the impact provisions will have on devolution (schedule if/when the Bill passes its stages).
- In relation to the NDNA commitment to carry out an assessment of the impact of Brexit on the institutions and North/South and East/West relationships, a **written** briefing providing details of the work currently being undertaken and the timeframe for completion of the assessment (due by **1 October 2020**).
- An **oral** briefing on the outcome of the assessment of the impact of Brexit on the institutions and North/South and East/West relationships (schedule when assessment complete).

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Separate correspondence has issued in relation to oral evidence sessions on Common Frameworks (scheduled for 7 October 2020), and preparations for a ‘no deal’ Brexit (scheduled for 30 September 2020).

The Committee also agreed to request the following:

- Copies of agendas in advance of JMC(EN) meetings and a timely summary of meeting discussions/outcomes.

I should be grateful if you would confirm arrangements for the oral/written briefings and the provision of documents requested in relation to the JMC(EN) meetings.

If you have any queries, please contact me to discuss.

Yours sincerely

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