

Mr Philip McGuigan MLA, Chairperson  
Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny  
Committee (DSC)

REF: DSC 255/24

29 November 2024

**Rt Hon Nick Thomas-Symonds MP**  
**Paymaster General and Minister for the Cabinet Office**

Issued via email to: [wftf-sg@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:wftf-sg@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

Nick, a chara,

At its meeting on 28 November 2024, the Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee (DSC) considered [Directive \(EU\) 2024/2853 on liability for defective products and repealing Council Directive 85/374/EEC](#). This act was notified to the DSC on 21 November 2024.

The DSC decided to hold an inquiry into the replacement EU act, pursuant to paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 6B to the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

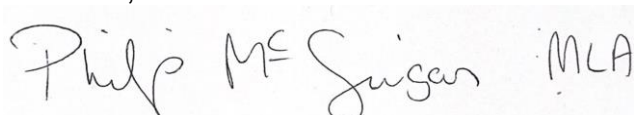
Under paragraph 9(2)(a), the DSC must seek substantive discussion and engagement with the British Government. Therefore, the Committee is requesting your assessment of:

- Whether it appears likely that the application of the replacement EU act would have a significant impact specific to everyday life of communities here in a way that is liable to persist; and
- Whether it appears likely that not applying the replacement EU act would have a significant impact specific to everyday life of communities here in a way that is liable to persist.

In considering the potential for divergence, the Committee also requests details of the position in England, Scotland and Wales.

I would appreciate a response by **Monday 9 December 2024 at 11.00am**.

Le meas,



Philip McGuigan, MLA  
**Chairperson, Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee**