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Dear David

Sectoral reports: Correspondence with the Secretary of State

Thank you for your letter, dated 29 November 2017, regarding the Brexit sectoral analyses. The House of Lords EU Select Committee considered your letter at its meeting on 12 December.

As a Committee, we are very sympathetic to your argument that members of the Assembly's External Affairs Committee (and your counterparts in the other devolved legislatures) should have access to the reports. The terms on which the UK Government has provided these documents to the Committee means that it is not possible for us to share them with you ourselves. However, I have tabled two written questions to support your argument. The questions are as follows:

“To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to provide copies of the 39 Brexit sectoral analyses, which were provided to the European Union Committee on 27 November, to relevant committees of the Scottish Parliament and the National Assembly for Wales.

“To ask Her Majesty's Government whether the terms on which they provided copies of the 39 Brexit sectoral analyses to the governments of Scotland and Wales allow those governments to share the analyses with relevant committees of the Scottish Parliament and the National Assembly of Wales.”

My officials will be in touch as soon as a response is received.

I look forward to meeting you again at the next Interparliamentary Forum on Brexit, scheduled for Thursday 18 January.

Yours Sincerely

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Acting Chairman, House of Lords EU Committee