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Dear Dame Meg

Public Accounts Committee inquiry into ‘Regulation after EU Exit’ – 13 June 2022 oral evidence

Thank you for the opportunity to give evidence to the Committee’s ‘Regulation after EU Exit’ inquiry on 13 June. During the session I promised to provide more information on whether the Office for the Internal Market (OIM) will publish its advice (Q69 in the transcript of the evidence session).

The OIM will be able to produce both reports and advice. In practice, the OIM will publish most of the different final products it produces, either because it is required to under the UK Internal Market Act or because transparency is beneficial for the integrity of the overall internal market regime.

The only exception is where one or more relevant national authority¹ requests advice from the OIM on proposed legislative provisions (e.g. at an early stage of the policy proposal). Consistent with provisions in the UKIM Act, such advice will not usually be

¹ Defined in the UKIM Act as ‘a) the Secretary of State, (b) the Scottish Ministers, (c) the Welsh Ministers, d) a Northern Ireland department’ (at s.45(5)).

published, although a copy will be shared with the non-requesting relevant national authorities.

I hope that this further clarification is of help to the Committee in its consideration of these issues.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Grenfell".

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