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House of Commons
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Office for the Internal Market: publication of first annual and periodic reports, and intra-UK trade data strategy

Dear Mr Jones,

Earlier this year, the Office for the Internal Market (OIM) laid its annual and periodic reports on the UK internal market at the four parliaments around the UK, and also published an intra-UK trade data strategy roadmap. The OIM also provided to the Committee a note setting out information from the annual report relevant to the Committee's interest in intra-UK trade and its impact on competition, in response to the Committee's Report on State Aid and Post-Brexit Competition Policy.

The OIM's Annual¹ and Periodic² Reports are significant because they are the first of their kind regarding the UK internal market. The reports take a wide-ranging look at the operation of the UK internal market and recent developments across the nations, as well as the regime underpinning the internal market. The OIM's intra-UK Data Strategy Roadmap³ seeks to promote the collection and publication of intra-UK trade data and to be a catalyst for an improvement in the evidence base.

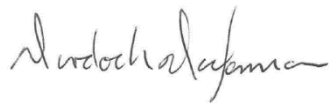
Please contact kunal.mundul@cma.gov.uk if we can help in any way. We are happy to answer any questions that you may have about our reports.

¹ [OIM Annual Report on the Operation of the Internal Market 2022-23 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

² [OIM Periodic Report on the UK internal market regime 2023 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

³ [OIM Data Strategy Roadmap 2023 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Murdoch MacLennan', written in a cursive style.

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