

# European Scrutiny Committee

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**From: Sir William Cash CH MP**

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Dear Fabian

Thank you for your letter of 1 May.

I understand that our officials spoke on 26 April regarding your offer to appear before the Committee. We very much appreciate your time and our inquiry into UK/EU Gibraltar negotiations has benefited greatly from the evidence you and your Ministers have given. It is through these exchanges that we have learnt of the importance to Gibraltar of a fluid border and the key role Gibraltar plays in the prosperity of the entire region.

As you will be aware from my letter to the former Europe Minister, Leo Docherty MP, of 13 March and our session with Minister Rutley on Wednesday, we are currently considering the UK Government's conduct and progress with regard to UK/EU Gibraltar negotiations. This includes the UK Government's red lines and what these may mean for the UK, UK nationals, the wider UK family and our strategic defence and security interests, as well as for the people and businesses of Gibraltar.

I know my secretariat appreciate and value the good working relationship they have with your officials, and I have asked them to keep your team abreast of plans future for our inquiry, including the possibility of you and your Ministers appearing to give evidence.

With every best wish

**CHAIR**