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Dear Minister,

13917/23: Communication from the Commission Work Programme 2024: Delivering for today and preparing for tomorrow.

Thank you for your letter dated 22 April 2024 which was considered by the European Affairs Committee at its meeting of 14 May.

We are grateful for your positive engagement with our questions. Your detailed answers were constructive, comprehensive and offered us a clear update on our concerns addressing UK/EU cooperation on: critical raw materials; artificial intelligence; and, Justice and Home Affairs. We also welcome your additional explanation of the recently agreed EU pact on migration and its potential impact on the UK.

We note your reassurances on parliamentary scrutiny and accept your offer to review the decision to deposit once the impact of the forthcoming Draghi and Letta reports on the EU's Single Market are assessed post-publication.

In the meantime, this letter brings our consideration of the Commission's 2024 Annual Work Programme to an end. We do not expect a response to this letter.

I am copying this letter to Sir William Cash MP, and Dr George Wilson, respectively Chair and Clerk of the House of Commons European Scrutiny Committee; Les Saunders, EU Document Scrutiny Manager, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office; Sam White, Select Committee Lead, and the Private Office Directorate, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

Yours faithfully,

Lord Ricketts

Chair of the European Affairs Committee