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Dear Julian,

DCMS COMMITTEE APPEARANCE

1. Thank you for your letter of 10 June and for your understanding of the circumstances which made it necessary to move the date for my joint hearing with Caroline Dineage. As you acknowledge this is now fixed for 29 June.
2. Thank you for your advice on how I should conduct my scrutiny responsibilities, on which you have been very forthcoming recently. It is because I take these issues seriously that I answer questions in the Lords on a monthly basis, like other Cabinet Ministers, and why I have been generous with my time with Select Committees. Although my primary responsibility must be to the European Scrutiny Committee and the Europe Affairs Committee, before both of which I have already appeared and will continue to appear, I would note that I also have hearings before the Northern Ireland Select Committee and the Foreign Affairs Committee this month, and expect to appear before the Lords Europe Affairs Sub Committee on the Northern Ireland Protocol next month.
3. Against this background, I am ready to appear before your Committee as a courtesy to answer questions on last year's negotiations, though I have of course already written to you at some length on this subject. The ongoing work of negotiations with Member States on this issue is led by DCMS and I am sure they will wish to keep you up to date with their activity in the usual way.

With best wishes,

Rt Hon Lord Frost CMG