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Dear Chairman

No Deal Brexit Preparations

Thank you for your letter of 20 December 2018 regarding the Government of Jersey's 'no deal' Brexit preparations.

Of course, since your letter was received we have now published full details of the <u>Jersey 'Ready for Brexit' week</u>, which includes a series of events aimed at engaging residents and businesses in Jersey's Brexit preparations.

As the Panel is aware, we have been providing briefings and sharing information about the risks posed to businesses by a 'no deal' Brexit in the form of Government of Jersey Departmental Contingency Plans.

In response to the UK Government's own Brexit contingency preparations, the Government of Jersey has now published over 100 Technical Notices, advising businesses and individuals on contingency preparations on topics ranging from passports, to pets and to patents.

We've been in regular contact with business bodies such as the Jersey Chamber of Commerce, Jersey's utility companies, as well as key operators involved in the supply chains, and other traders impacted by Brexit.

As part of Brexit Week we will publish a 'Brexit Business Toolkit, a resource which has been co-produced with the Jersey Chamber of Commerce and Jersey Business providing key information on workforce, trade, transport, regulation and legal implications of Brexit. An advance copy of the Toolkit is attached to this letter.

This builds on a <u>briefing paper</u> Jersey Customs and Immigration Service recently prepared on revenue and goods control to help traders and the wider freight industry do what they can to avoid additional costs, paperwork and delays caused by Brexit.

Our 'let's talk Brexit' and 'ready for Brexit' campaigns do not solely have a business focus, and we will continue to highlight impacts for the residents of Jersey.

That includes our work to protect the rights of EU Nationals on the island by introducing the new <u>Jersey EU Settlement Scheme</u>, and further publications planned for 'Ready for Brexit' week highlighting the impacts of Brexit on young people and offering topical tips on travel and transport.

Our aim with this work is to continue to raise awareness, to inform and reassure the public about Brexit impacts to ensure we can all be as ready for Brexit as possible.

Despite the unpredictable challenges and often confidential or commercially-sensitive nature of this work, we have tried to be as open as possible in our approach, and I hope the Panel finds this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

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