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By e-mail

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Dear Secretary of State,

### **Impact of Brexit on Devolution**

I am writing to you regarding the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee's recent reports on [The Impact of Brexit on Devolution](#) and the [Northern Ireland Protocol Bill](#), the latter published today.

The Committee's view is that its scrutiny of the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill provides further evidence for the need to re-set the constitutional arrangements within the UK following EU withdrawal, both in respect of relations between the UK Government and the devolved governments and between the four legislatures and governments across the UK. These relations are clearly not working as well as they should and this needs to be addressed.

The Committee invites you to meet the commitment of the previous Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations, Rt Hon Nadhim Zahawi MP, to submit a written response to us on the findings of our report on *The Impact of Brexit on Devolution* and to consider a possible oral evidence session once the Committee has received and considered the written submission.

The Committee would also welcome your response to the findings of our report on the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill with regards to how they relate to the findings of our report on *The Impact of Brexit on Devolution*.

The Committee has also written to the Minister in charge of the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill, Rt Hon James Cleverly MP, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs inviting him to respond to the findings of our report on the Bill.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clare Adamsen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Clare Adamsen MSP  
Convener of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee