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Dear Cabinet Secretary

**THE UK WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION (CONTINUITY) (SCOTLAND) ACT
2021 ANNUAL REPORT AND EU LAW TRACKER**

The Committee welcomes your response to our comments on the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 Annual Report 2021-22 and the work which your officials have taken forward with Scottish Parliament officials. In particular, the Committee welcomes your commitment “to increase the information provided to Parliament and the public to understand how the EU alignment policy commitment is being applied.”

We also welcome your acknowledgement that the EU law tracker “is useful in considering the progress of EU law over the period from the UK’s departure.” At our meeting this morning Dr Whitten presented her first report: <https://www.parliament.scot/-/media/files/committees/constitution-europe-external-affairs-and-culture-committee/eu-law-tracker-report.pdf>

The Committee agreed to invite you to reflect on the findings of Dr Whitten’s first report in the next Continuity Act annual report, including the possible impact on the commitment to align of—

- a) changes in tertiary EU law – reflected in the 59 consolidated text versions of relevant instruments highlighted in the report; and
- b) measures contained in the 15 primary UK acts highlighted in the report which make provisions in areas previously within EU competence and/or provisions which otherwise arise by dint of UK withdrawal from the EU.

Yours sincerely

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