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I am writing in response to your letter to David Davis of 31 July setting out your Committee's initial response to the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill. Thank you for copying me your letter, and I apologise for the delay in responding.

As you are no doubt aware the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee (PACAC) considered the implications of the result of the EU referendum for inter-governmental relations in its report *The Future of the Union, part two: Inter-institutional relations in the UK* during the last Parliament. It launched a specific inquiry into 'Brexit and Devolution' in March this year, however this was closed owing to the General Election. The terms of reference are available on the Committee's <u>website</u> and reflected many of the issues identified in your letter.

I would therefore welcome the opportunity to discuss the questions raised by the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill for devolution and inter-governmental relations, and how our two committees may co-operate on this and other issues with you in the near future. If that would be of interest to you please ask your office to liaise with my mine to fix a discussion.

Bernard Jenkin

Chair

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