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Dear David,

EU EXIT ANALYSIS

Thank you for your letter of 9 February, where you set out your request for the 'EU exit analysis: Cross Whitehall Briefing' document, that we recently submitted to the Commons Exiting the EU Committee and Lords EU Committee, to be shared with the National Assembly for Wales' External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee.

As you may know, the House of Commons explicitly recognised the confidential nature of the material contained in this analysis in the motion it debated last month. During the debate on 31 January, I made clear that the material was preliminary, unfinished and had only very recently been presented to Ministers. It contains a large number of caveats, and sets out on every page that this is "draft analytical thinking with preliminary results". It does not reflect the Government's policy approaches, and is not representative of the expected outcome of the negotiations. Placing this incomplete analysis in the public domain would not serve the national interest in the upcoming negotiations.

You will be aware that under the Osmotherly Rules the document is now the property of the aforementioned Committees. As you will know, however, we have provided a reading room in the Secretary of State for Wales's office in Cardiff for Assembly Members (including of course members of your Committee) to view the document in a secure environment. I am pleased that you and a member of your Committee have already been able to make use of that facility and should other Assembly Members wish to use the reading room then it remains available by appointment.

I am copying this letter to Mark Drakeford AM, Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Elin Jones AM, Presiding Officer of the National Assembly for Wales, the

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union
and the Secretary of State for Wales.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robin Walker', written in a cursive style.

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