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Dear Lady Paton,

I am writing to express my thanks for the Commission's agreement in arranging for members of your legal staff to undertake Brexit-related work, at the request of the Scottish Government, at time of immense and unprecedented pressures.

I wish to acknowledge, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, the service of the Commission and its substantial contribution to the difficult pressures we faced at an earlier time in the development of the work on Brexit, in 2019, and again at this time, when we also face the difficulties and complexities of the Covid-19 situation. The Commission is of course a body independent of Government and under no obligation to agree to such a request. The flexibility and positive attitude of the Commissioners and staff is very much appreciated, and I would like to add my personal thanks to you as Chair for your most helpful and willing engagement.

I appreciate the input of the Commission and the legal staff concerned in responding to the Scottish Government in this way, and acknowledge that the Commission is facing its own pressures and that this arrangement will result in disruption to your own projects under the 10th Programme of Law Reform. I note also that it will be important for the Commission to ensure that the joint project work with the Law Commission for England and Wales can also continue, to ensure that the requirements of Scottish law reform can be met.



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