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Thank you for your letter of 2 November relating to my appearance in front of the EU Exit Working Group in October. I felt as though we had a helpful discussion on the different impacts a no-deal Brexit could have on Londoners, and I welcomed the opportunity to update members on the work City Hall is undertaking to understand the risks of a no-deal scenario.

During the course of the discussion, I committed to provide you with additional information which I have submitted below.

On my trip to Brussels on Friday 26 October I met with:

- Michel Barnier, Chief Negotiator, Article 50 Task Force
- Valdis Dombrovskis, Vice-President: Euro, social dialogue, financial stability, financial services, capital markets union.
- Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President, Energy Union
- Julian King, Commissioner, Security Union

The survey I conducted of London's business and business groups between 30 August to 12 October asked businesses to answer the following questions:

1. What analysis, if any, has your organisation undertaken on the impact of Brexit to your business, and what conclusions have you reached?
2. Have you developed/are you developing Brexit related contingency plans, and if so, when do you envision enacting them? Would you be willing to provide any detail of these plans to City Hall in confidence?
3. If the UK were to leave the EU in March 2019 without a deal, what impact would this have on your organisation's Brexit contingency plans?
4. What do you believe would be the biggest challenges caused by a no-deal Brexit for your organisation, if any?
5. Do you feel the guidance that has so far been provided by Government, such as the no-deal technical notices, has been adequate to help you plan for the impact of leaving the EU in March 2019 without a deal?
6. If not, in what areas do you want more information?

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7. What proportion of your workforce do you estimate is comprised of workers from (1) the EEA, and (2) the rest of the world?
8. Has your organisation experienced any recruitment challenges created/exacerbated by the current UK immigration system? If so what were they?
9. Does your organisation have agreed recommendations for what shape the post-Brexit UK immigration system should take, and would you share them with City Hall in confidence?
10. What are your top three priorities for a post-Brexit immigration system?
11. Would your organisation support or oppose proposals for a post-Brexit immigration system that made it easier for EU citizens to come and work in the UK, than it did for non-EU citizens. Why?

I undertook to determine whether I could provide you with anonymised responses to the survey, that had been submitted to me in confidence by businesses. Having discussed this with my officials I have decided this is not possible at this juncture.

I committed to share with the working group the research City Hall is conducting into household food insecurity, this is ongoing and I'm hopeful it will be finished by the end of February.

The figures I cited on the potential impact of a no-deal Brexit on food prices were from a report into potential tariffs conducted by the British Retail Consortium, which can be found at this address: <https://brc.org.uk/media/228335/the-tariff-roadmap.pdf>

The issues I referenced about receiving inadequate information from the Government on which to begin detailed planning for a no-deal Brexit scenario are covered in the London Resilience Partnership report which can be found at this address: https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/london_resilience_partnership_-_brexit_resilience_report.pdf

I hope this information satisfies your request.

Yours sincerely,



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