

# Brexit preparedness: Correspondence with the EU Institutions

In a letter on the 25 September the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union set out that a deal remains the UK's primary objective. However, he also made clear that it is the responsibility of both the UK and the EU to protect our citizens and to prepare our businesses for the possibility that agreement cannot be reached on the Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration. To that end, the Secretary of State outlined that there are a number of areas that would benefit from structured engagement and exchange of information.

The European Chief Negotiator Michel Barnier has now replied to the Secretary of State.