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Dear Joan,

The Justice Committee's approach to scrutiny of EU issues

Thank you for your letter of 15 July outlining the work that the European and External Relations Committee has initiated in relation to the prospect of the UK leaving the European Union.

In response to your request for information on how the Justice Committee proposes to undertake scrutiny of EU issues I can confirm that the Committee considered its approach to EU scrutiny at its recent business planning day and again at its meeting of 6 September. It agreed to request information in the first instance from the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service and from Police Scotland on their preparations ahead of the UK leaving the EU.

In relation to the possible adaptation of the Parliament's EU Strategy, the Committee has no specific proposals to make at this stage but looks forward to confirmation on the expected role and responsibilities of the EU Reporter once the European and External Relations Committee has completed its current review of the Strategy.

I hope that this information is helpful to the Committee in its development and co-ordination of the EU Strategy.

*Best wishes,
Margaret*

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