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Dear Sir

Letter of Comment: Committee *for* Home Affairs - Data Protection: Data Sharing with the United Kingdom, P.2019/4 ('the Policy Letter')

The Policy & Resources Committee has been planning for all reasonable scenarios in respect of Brexit, including the risk of a no-deal scenario. This planning includes engaging with Committees across the States, the Law Officers of the Crown, as well as close working with the UK Government and the other Crown Dependencies to identify issues and to look to prevent unintended consequences. One of the areas of focus has been analysing the impact the UK's exit from the EU will have on communications and the ability to transfer data with strategic partners in the UK and the EU.

The ability to transfer data with the UK, in the event of a no deal scenario, will be essential, as identified in the Policy Letter. The option of recognising the UK under the Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey), Law 2017 in order to facilitate this is an important part of the States' Brexit mitigation strategy.

The outcome of the UK Parliamentary deliberations on Brexit are still uncertain. As a result of this uncertainty it is prudent to ensure that the States of Guernsey keep planning for all eventualities, including the prospect of the UK leaving the EU on 29th March 2019 without a deal. With the support of the Channel Islands' Brussels Office we will ensure that the States of Guernsey engage with the European Commission to keep the EU informed of these proposals. With this in mind the Policy & Resources Committee supports the propositions in the Policy Letter laid by the Committee *for* Home Affairs.

Yours faithfully,

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