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Dear Mr Posner,

Further to the Prime Minister's letter of 5 April and in accordance with existing legislation and in order to give Returning Officers time to prepare to issue Notices of Election by the deadline of 12 April, the Government has today laid a Day of Poll Order in Parliament.

The Order will come into force on Wednesday 10 April 2019.

Whilst the Government still intends to leave the European Union before the next European Parliamentary elections, and if we leave the EU before the elections then the requirement to run a poll will fall away, we will continue to follow legal requirements and obligations as they become necessary.

This will enable Returning Officers to undertake their obligations under existing law.

I have sent letters in similar terms to Louise Round at SOLACE, Peter Stanyon at the AEA, Malcom Burr as Convenor of the Scottish Elections Management Board and Colin Everett as Chair of the Wales Electoral Coordination Board so that they can also ensure that Returning Officers and their teams are aware of the Order being laid.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon David Lidington CBE MP