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By email

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Dear Ministers

Preparations for the Digital Markets competition regime

Thank you for your letter of 04 January.

The CMA has been working with your teams as you have been designing and taking through Parliament the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill. Work is underway to ensure our readiness to take on the new functions across the Bill.

In respect of digital markets, the Bill will give the CMA a new role to oversee a pro-competition regulatory regime for firms with entrenched and substantial market power, promoting greater competition and innovation in these markets and protecting consumers and businesses from unfair practices.

The CMA is following the passage of the Bill through Parliament closely. While the Bill has yet to receive Royal Assent, we recognise that publicly outlining a high-level, provisional overview of how the CMA intends to implement the new Digital Markets competition regime will be useful to Parliamentarians and wider stakeholders. As you note, we will continue to evolve our plans to ensure they reflect the final provisions of the Act and as we continue our thinking and stakeholder engagement.

The CMA will publish a document in line with your request shortly, as well as consulting on guidance soon after Royal Assent.

Yours
sincerely

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