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**Subject:** RE: Briefing: SoS/CMA meeting - Tuesday 16 July 11.30

Morning team,

Please find the readout below.

**CMA**

Attendees: SoS, Emran Mian, Jenny Hall, Harry Lund, Darren Murphy, Billy French, [redacted]
CMA: Sarah Cardell, Marcus Bokkerink, Chair, Will Hayter

1. SoS opened noting the change agenda and his ambitions for the department.
2. **Marcus Bokkerink (MK)** congratulated SoS and keen to support HMG in this new agenda. Underlined the CMA are an evidence based objective organisation, whose objective is to protect consumers and encourage competition. [redacted]

Digital Markets

1. **MB** conscious digital markets are an engine for growth and innovation and the CMA have invested heavily in expertise in skills to support that. And would like to support by:
    a. Executing and implementing the DMCC
    b. Support the drive of investment and talent to priority tech sectors/markets for HMG
    c. Input thinking into HMG's plan on AI regulation
    d. Working to use technologies incl. AI for their own internal working/running (procurement etc) and can share learnings with HMG.
2. SoS noted decisions being made across regulators in the EU, US and the CMA in the UK – commenting on the sometimes divergence between regulators. He asked whether greater cooperation especially given the multinational nature of companies.
3. **SC** replied that this was the aim – there is a global effort across regulators to work closely and be somewhat aligned. There will naturally be consistency to support this with likeminded partners. [redacted]
4. **SC** explained the CMA were keen to engage with business and to support them as a partner rather than just be seen as an enforcer – noted their review of their remedies procedure last year.
5. EM noted we needed to work better to understand how CMA can work with HMG with a longer-term industrial strategy. SC and MB agreed.

AI

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5. **SC** underlined the objectives are to have a participative approach – the hallmark of success for the DMCC would be to see far less inquiries in years to come.

**ENDS**

Thanks,
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Hi [redacted]

Hope you're well. Please find attached the briefing for **SoS's meeting with the CMA CEO and Chair on Tuesday 16 July at 11.30am**. This is ahead of the verbal pre-brief with officials on Monday 15 at 11.30.

Also attached are the CMA's letter congratulating SoS on their appointment, and 2 briefings on their work on economic growth and AI, in case these are helpful context.

Please let us know if you need anything else.

Many thanks,
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