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## **FOREWORD—what this Report is about**

This Annual Report describes the work of the House of Lords EU Select Committee and its seven Sub-Committees over the past year, and looks forward to the Committee's work in the coming year.

The Report analyses scrutiny overrides (occasions when Ministers act before the Committee's scrutiny is complete), and urges the Government to ensure that Committees are kept fully informed about the progress of negotiations (paras 121–126). The Report also makes recommendations regarding General Approaches (para 127), delays in Ministerial correspondence with the Committee (paras 128–131), the contents of Government Explanatory Memoranda (paras 137–138), and Commission responses to Committee Reports (paras 140–142).



















































































































