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## Introduction

This paper provides an update on the most recent developments on Brexit of relevance to Wales. It includes sections on the work of the Assembly and Welsh Government; EU; UK; and Scotland and Ireland. The period covered is 9 October – 6 November 2018, although reference is made to later events where information is available at time of final drafting.

## Developments in Wales

### National Assembly for Wales

#### External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

The External Affairs and Additional Legislation (EAAL) Committee is the lead Committee in the Assembly for co-ordinating the Brexit-related activities of Committees.

The EAAL Committee is currently undertaking inquiries into [How is the Welsh Government preparing for Brexit? Wales' Future Relationship with the EU and the World - Part two](#), and [EU law in Wales: What happens during the Brexit Transition?](#)

The most recent sessions of the EAAL Committee were:

- 8 October: The committee held three evidence sessions on Preparing for Brexit with representatives of the ports, health and food sectors. [Transcript](#).
- 11 October: The committee held a scrutiny session with Robin Walker MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Exiting the EU. [Transcript](#).
- 15 October: The committee held an evidence session on the UK's trade policy after leaving the European Union, with George Hollingbery MP, Minister of State for Trade Policy. [Transcript](#).
- 22 October: The committee visited London to as part of the inquiry into Wales' Future Relationship with the EU and the World - Part two.
- 5 November: The committee held a scrutiny session with the First Minister. [Transcript](#).

On 8 October EAAL considered correspondence from:

- [Mark Drakeford, Cabinet Secretary for Finance to Llyr Gruffydd, Temporary Chair of the Finance Committee regarding the draft budget 2019-20](#).

On 15 October EAAL considered correspondence from:

- [the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee regarding the inter-institutional relations agreement between the National Assembly for Wales and the Welsh Government](#).

- [the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport regarding the scrutiny of regulations made under the Trade Bill](#).
- [The Freight Transport Association re Road haulage permits post-Brexit](#).

On 5 November EAAL considered correspondence from:

- [the First Minister of Wales regarding Hub Cymru Africa](#).
- [Nick Ramsay, Chair of the Public Accounts Committee regarding the Auditor General for Wales Report: Managing the impact of Brexit on EU Structural Funds](#).
- [the Wales Civil Society Forum on Brexit regarding the creation of a new Brexit forum](#).
- [the First Minister of Wales regarding an update on progress with recommendations contained in the report on 'How the Welsh Government is preparing for Brexit?'](#)

25 October: The Committee published its report '[Equalities and Brexit](#)' jointly with the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee.

25 October: Interparliamentary forum on Brexit in Cardiff. David Rees AM and Mick Antoniw AM chaired the forum. The forum issued a [statement](#).

#### Other

16 October: Plenary Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance: [Update on Regional Investment after Brexit](#).

7 November: Plenary debate to note the joint findings by the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee and the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee on 'Equalities and Brexit'.

The Research Service's own blogs are published on [In Brief](#). The latest Brexit blogs are: [The UK Shared Prosperity Fund: What do we know so far, and what effect will this have on Wales?](#); [Brexit Negotiations: the latest developments; Equality and human rights in Wales after Brexit: an update; Estimating the timeline of the Brexit negotiations; Interparliamentary Forum on Brexit to meet in the Assembly; Welsh voices in preparing for a post-Brexit future – the latest; Brexit Negotiations Monitoring Report; What are the next steps for regional investment in Wales?](#);

On 25 September the Finance Committee published its report into **Preparations for replacing EU funding for Wales**. The report made 11 recommendations, including those in key areas such as ensuring that Wales is 'not a penny worse off' after Brexit, and on funding and devolution of major post-Brexit funding sources such as the UK-wide Shared Prosperity Fund and agricultural support. The Welsh Government **responded to the report** on 7 November, accepting all of its recommendations. There will be a Plenary debate on the report on 14 November.

The Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee responded to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs consultation on **'Health and Harmony: the future for food, farming and the environment in a Green Brexit'**. In October the Committee published its report **The impact of Brexit on fisheries in Wales**.

The Children, Young People and Education Committee is carrying **out an inquiry** into the **Impact of Brexit on Higher and Further Education**. The Committee has recently finished taking oral evidence, holding sessions on 12 July (**transcript**), 18 July (**transcript**) and 20 September (**transcript**). It has also **published the written evidence it has received**.

The Constitution and Legislative Affairs Committee publish reports on Subordinate Legislation relating to the UK's exit from the EU. They can be found on the **Committee's webpages**. On 8 October the committee published its report **Scrutiny of regulations made under the Trade Bill**.

## Welsh Government

10 October: **Welsh success in top EU awards**.

11 October: **Migration top of the agenda as Finance Secretary meets with UK and Scottish Brexit Ministers at latest meeting of European Joint Ministerial Committee**.

12 October: **Finance Secretary gives key note speech at 'EU funding post-Brexit' event**.

15 October: **EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS)** - The Welsh and Scottish Governments have expressed serious concerns with the UK Government's plans to replace the EU ETS with a carbon tax if there is a 'no deal Brexit', and insisted that any approach must maintain accountability to devolved administrations and legislatures.

19 October: **£5.3 million EU funding to up-skill Wales' advanced manufacturing sector**.

21 October: **Funding to help third sector prepare for Brexit**.

22 October: **European collaboration is vital to Welsh universities**.

22 October: Written Statement: **Update on EU Negotiations**.

24 October: **£7.5m to help business prepare for Brexit**.

26 October: **Funding announced to prepare health service in Wales for Brexit**.

26 October: **£1.7 million EU funds to boost Wales' manufacturing sector**.

27 October: **Wales and Scotland Health Secretaries raise serious concerns about EU Settlement Scheme**.

29 October: Written Statement: **Joint Ministerial Committee (EU Negotiations) and Ministerial Forum**.

29 October: Written Statement - **Notification in Relation to Statutory Instruments made by UK Ministers in devolved areas under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 not laid before the Assembly**.

30 October: Written Statement - **Notification in Relation to Statutory Instruments made by UK Ministers in devolved areas under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 not laid before the Assembly**.

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31 October: **We will continue to support farmers post-Brexit but in a smarter way - Lesley Griffiths**.

31 October: **High water marks for Wales as annual bathing water statistics released**.

1 November: **£4 million of European Funding for Wales International Coastal Centre.**

6 November: Written Statement: **Written statements laid under Standing Order 30C**

## News

11 October: **FUW's #FairFarmFunding campaign yields success** (FUW)

11 October: **Alun Cairns announcement on agricultural funding** (NFU (Cymru))

15 October: **Farm Productivity Must Not Play Second Fiddle to Other Policy Objectives** (Tenant Farmers Association)

16 October: **Future funding for Welsh farmers** (NFU (Cymru))

17 October: **Carwyn Jones 'very troubled' by Ford Brexit warning** (BBC)

24 October: **Wales' farming unions outline 'Welsh way forward'** (FUW & NFU(Cymru))

24 October: **CLA to tell MPs: long-term funding commitment essential to farming and the environment.**

29 October: **Farm Tenants Must Not Be Disenfranchised by New Farm Policy in Wales** (Tenant Farmers Association)

30 October: **Agriculture Bill: Farming and Environmental Groups Unite on Crucial Long-term Funding Message** (Tenant Farmers Association)

1 November: Brexit: **12,000 respond to farming funding shake-up** (BBC)

1 November: **'Don't leave rural Wales behind post-Brexit', warn WLGA rural leaders.**

2 November: **Four UK farming union presidents underline shared vision for UK agriculture at NFU Cymru Conference** (NFU(Cymru))

5 November: **550 jobs at risk amid Brexit uncertainty** (BBC)

## EU Developments

### European Council

9 October: **Climate change: Council adopts conclusions.**

15 October: **EU-Singapore: Council adopts decisions to sign trade and investment agreements.**

15 October: **Connecting Europe and Asia: Council adopts conclusions.**

16 October: **Tripartite social summit; Post-summit remarks by President Donald Tusk.**

17 October: **Relocation of European Medicines Agency and European Banking Authority: agreement on the legal text.**

17-18 October: European Council: **Invitation letter; European Council conclusions; Remarks by President Donald Tusk after the European Council meetings on 17 and 18 October 2018.**

18-19 October: **Speech by President Donald Tusk at the gala dinner of the ASEM summit; "Global Partners for Global Challenges" - ASEM 12 Chair's statement; Closing remarks by President Donald Tusk at the 12th ASEM summit.**

19 October: **Hormone-free beef: Council authorises launch of negotiations with the United States.**

24 October: **Type approval of motor vehicles: transition from EU28 to EU27** – negotiating mandate aiming to enable manufacturers of motor vehicles, systems, components and separate technical units holding a UK type-approval to obtain a Union type-approval (i.e. a type-approval granted by an approval authority of one of the EU27), provided that the application for the Union type-approval is made before the UK's withdrawal from the EU.

24 October: **Report and concluding remarks by President Donald Tusk to the European Parliament on October European Council meetings.**

31 October: **Tariff rate quotas for EU27 : EU ambassadors agree on the Council's position.**

## European Commission

The Commission has published '**Brexit preparedness notes**' on the legal and practical implications of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union - subject to any transitional arrangement that may be contained in a possible withdrawal agreement.

9 October: Consultation: **EU Single Window environment for customs** (closes 16 January)

10 October: **Speech by Michel Barnier at the closing session of Eurochambre's European Parliament of Enterprises 2018.**

18 October: **Oxford Student Union debate - Opening remarks by Vice-President Dombrovskis: "The euro is stronger than ever."**

19 October: **EU and Singapore forge closer economic and political ties.**

22 October: **EU and Japan discuss economic cooperation at the 1st High-level Industrial, Trade and Economic Dialogue.**

23 October: **Speech by President Juncker at the Plenary Session of the European Parliament on the debate on the Future of Europe with Klaus Iohannis, President of Romania.**

23 October: **Commission Work Programme 2019: Delivering on promises and preparing for the future. Q&A.**

23 October: **Better Regulation: Commission sets out way forward to strengthen subsidiarity and proportionality in EU policy-making.**

25 October: **Commission welcomes European Parliament vote confirming relocation of European Medicines Agency and European Banking Authority.**

26 October: Competition/Agriculture: **Commission publishes report on application of competition rules in the agricultural sector.**

7 November: **Commission proposes fishing opportunities in the Atlantic and North Sea for 2019. Q&A.**

## European Parliament

9 October: **EU Budget 2019 to focus on young people.**

15 October: **Brexit: EP Steering Group insists on need for Ireland/Northern Ireland backstop.**

17 October: **Brexit effect: Public opinion survey shows that EU is more appreciated than ever.** 66% of European respondents would vote for their country to remain a member of the EU (a majority in all member states – in the UK it was 51%, Ireland it was 85%).

23 October: **President of Romania Klaus Iohannis : unity must be our watchword for the future of Europe.**

24 October: **MEPs debate the lack of results of EU October summit.**

24 October: **EU Budget 2019: focus on the young, on migration and innovation.**

6 November: **Long-term EU budget: MEPs lay down funding priorities post-2020 budget.**

6 November: Brexit: **Ensuring a smooth transition for car producers and safety on the roads.**

## News

3 October: French Senate Bill (passed on 6 November) **empowering the Government to take steps to prepare for the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union**:

... works for the construction or emergency installation of premises, installations or infrastructures of ports, railways, airports and airports. required by the reestablishment of checks of goods and passengers to or from the United Kingdom, whether or not there is a withdrawal agreement. Provisions adopted by order on its basis must be made within six months of its publication.

The withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union will lead to the restoration of veterinary, sanitary, phytosanitary and safety controls and customs formalities. These checks will have to be put in place on the day of withdrawal in case of exit without agreement, or at the end of the transition period in case of entry into force of the withdrawal agreement.

At present, with regard to the Channel / North Sea seaboard, border posts of veterinary and phytosanitary border inspection services (SIVEP) are present in Le Havre, Dunkirk, Saint Malo and Brest. However, they are not sized to control all the batches coming from the United Kingdom or do not have facilities approved for all types of flows (absence of control facilities for live animals in Le Havre and Dunkirk in particular). In addition, the entry points to, among others, Roscoff, Cherbourg, Caen-Ouistreham, Dieppe and Calais as well as the Channel Tunnel do not have border posts to date.

... In addition, carrying out these checks will take a significant amount of time, which will slow down the flow of traffic and may therefore quickly lead to congestion in the port, rail and road infrastructures.

... They will have to be made before the withdrawal of the United Kingdom and taking into account the arrangements that the other Member States will take.

10 October: **EU [and UK] gets blasted for Brexit TRQ proposal**. The U.S. along with 14 other countries opposed plans by the EU to modify its WTO commitments in order to renegotiate tariff-rate quotas on sensitive food imports as part of the United Kingdom's expected exit from the trading bloc. Washington also lit into U.K. plans to present its own post-Brexit WTO schedules and quota commitments by rectification. (Politico)

10 October: **5th European Parliament of Enterprises** - 93% voted that the integrity of the Single Market and EU unity take precedent over a favourable Brexit deal with the UK (Eurochambres)

10 October: **If Nothing is Achieved: Who Pays for the Brexit?** - In the long run, UK-EU trade could be reduced up to 50 percent (German Economic Institute in Cologne)

13 October: **Brexit, the truck driver and 20 tonnes of frozen chicken** - To truly understand Brexit, haul €60,000 worth of food from Northern Ireland to England via Dublin (The Irish Times)

17 October: **Tobacco complicates Brexit negotiations with Gibraltar** - Talks between Madrid and London are making good progress but there are still some stumbling blocks (El País)

17 October: **Blair, Clegg and Heseltine: We need another EU-Referendum** (Die Welt and other European newspapers)

17 October: **Moldova grudge could cost UK access to \$1.7 Trillion projects** -UK denied visas to WTO delegate and her team last year – Now it's stopping UK from bidding for WTO public contracts (Bloomberg)

18 October: **Brexit frustration as May offers EU leaders nothing new** - UK now open to extending the transition period, but that won't solve central issue in the talks (Politico)

18 October: **WTO Negotiators Look to Lay Groundwork on Post-Brexit Food Import Quotas** (International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development)

18 October: **Gibraltar Brexit deal done, says Spain's Sánchez** (Politico)

30 October: **Norwegian PM dismisses calls for Britain to join the EEA as a 'holding position' if there is no Brexit deal** (Daily Mail)

## UK Developments

### UK Government

9 October: **Secretary of State Dominic Raab's statement - update on EU Exit negotiations.**

11 October: **Joint Ministerial Committee (EU Negotiations) communiqué.** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Mark Drakeford AM, attended.

12 October: **U.K.'s Hammond Hails 'Change of Gear' in Brexit Negotiations - Chancellor: buffer period 'probably' needed beyond transition (Bloomberg)**

12 October: Update: **How to prepare if the UK leaves the EU with no deal.** Including: **Commercial fishing; Existing free trade agreements; Vehicle type approval; Providing services including those of a qualified professional; Consumer rights;**

15 October: PM meeting with: **First Minister Sturgeon; Sinn Féin leaders.**

19 October: **PM addresses business leaders on Brexit.**

24 October: **Prime Minister hails new era of Dutch-UK security cooperation post-Brexit.**

24 October: **PM meeting with PM Andrej Babiš of the Czech Republic.**

31 October: **International trade budget boost for global Britain** - More than £2 billion to expand the UK's trade presence across the world and increase UK Export Finance support for buyers of UK goods and services.

31 October: **Readout of PM and Chancellor's meeting with business leaders.**

1 November: **PM meets European Round Table of Industrialists.**

5 November: **Readout of PM call with Leo Varadkar.**

5 November: **Readout of PM call with Sebastian Kurz.**

5 November update: **Guidance on free movement rights of direct family members of European Economic Area (EEA) and Swiss nationals.**

5 November: **International Road Haulage Permits - Guidance on Determining Permit Allocations.**

6 November: **Wightman and Others v Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union** - The case concerns the reference to the European Court of Justice (CJEU) made by the Inner House of the Court of Session in Scotland ... specifically to identify whether the United Kingdom can unilaterally (i.e. without the consent of other EU Member States) revoke its Notice to leave the EU.

### House of Commons

23 October: The Hansard Society has launched its **Brexit Statutory Instruments Dashboard.**

9 October: Statement by Dominic Raab on **EU Exit Negotiations.**

10 October: **Prime Ministers questions.**

10 October: Second Reading of the **Agriculture Bill.**

11 October: Transport questions: **Leaving the EU: Perishable Scottish Food.**

15 October: Statement by the Prime Minister and debate on **EU Exit Negotiations.**

16 October: Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy questions: **Leaving the EU: Business Growth in Scotland.**

17 October: Scotland questions: **Leaving the EU: Devolution.**

17 October: **Prime Ministers questions.**

18 October: Environment, Food and Rural Affairs questions: **Leaving the EU: Food and Drink Standards; European Food Safety Authority; Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme.**

18 October: Public Accounts Commission question: **Leaving the EU: National Audit Office.**

22 October: Urgent question: **EU Customs Union and Draft Withdrawal Agreement: Cost.**

22 October: Statement on **Leaving the EU: Meaningful Vote.**

22 October: Prime Minister's statement on the **October EU Council**.

23 October: Health and Social Care question: **Leaving the EU: Access to Medicines**.

24 October: Wales questions: **Leaving the EU: Aerospace Sector; UK Shared Prosperity Fund; Exports/Foreign Direct Investment**.

24 October: **Prime Ministers questions**.

24 October: **Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Bill** (Business of the House); **Second Reading; Committee Stage and Third Reading**.

25 October: A series of **Exiting the European Union** questions.

25 October: Adjournment debate on **M26 Closures**.

25 October: First Reading of **Fisheries Bill**

29 October: Home Department questions: **Freedom of Movement of People; EU Settlement Scheme**.

29 October: **The Budget, Budget Resolutions**.

30 October: **Budget Resolutions**.

30 October: Westminster Hall debate: **Leaving the EU: Port of Sheerness**.

31 October: **Prime Ministers questions**.

31 October: **Budget Resolutions**.

31 October: Westminster Hall debates on Leaving the EU: **Timber Industry; Aviation Sector**.

1 November: Digital, Culture, Media and Sport questions: **Leaving the EU: Data Transfers**.

1 November: Attorney General questions: **Leaving the EU: Rights of EU Citizens**.

1 November: **Budget Resolutions**.

1 November: Adjournment debate: **Leaving the EU: Central Counterparty Clearing**.

## Committees

### Environment, Food and Rural Affairs:

10 October: Brand Britain: Promoting and Marketing British food and drink inquiry written submissions, including: **Soil Association; Farmwel; International Meat Trade Association; Scotch Whisky Association; Arla Foods UK; Food & Drink Exporters Association; Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board; National Farmers Union; NFU Scotland; Traidcraft Exchange; Food & Drink Federation; Hybu Cig Cymru; Wine & Spirit Trade Association; UK Export Certification Partnership; DEFRA; Assured Food Standards (Red Tractor Assurance)**.

10 October: Agriculture Bill inquiry written submissions including: **Potato Processors' Association; Compassion in World Farming; The Food Foundation**.

17 October: **Environmental implications of the Agriculture Bill examined**.

24 October: **Potential impacts of the Agriculture Bill examined, (Transcript)** and **Farming and rural business sector questioned on Agriculture Bill**.

25 October: **Letter from George Eustice on UK goods schedule for the WTO**.

30 October: **Letter from Michael Gove on the Government's planned food strategy**.

31 October: **Secretary of State questioned on Agriculture Bill. (Transcript)**

31 October: Brand Britain: Promoting and Marketing British food and drink inquiry – written submissions: **Provision Trade Federation; Waitrose & Partners; Invest Northern Ireland**.

10-31 October: **Agriculture Bill written submissions**. Including: **Country Land and Business Association; National Farmers Union; Tenant Farmers Association; Soil Association; Friends of the Earth; Farmers' Union of Wales; Welsh Government**.

### Environmental Audit:

16 October: **Sustainable seas examined. Transcript**.

5 November: **Ministers questioned on sustainable seas.**

### European Scrutiny:

10 October: 39<sup>th</sup> Report: **Documents considered by the Committee on 10 October.**

17 October: 40<sup>th</sup> Report: **Documents considered by the Committee on 17 October.**

22 October: **Treasury should provide assurances on transition extension costs – Letter to Chief Secretary to the Treasury Elizabeth Truss.**

24 October: 41<sup>st</sup> Report: **Documents considered by the Committee on 24 October.**

2 November: 42<sup>nd</sup> Report: **Ending Seasonal Changes of Time Directive.**

### Exiting the EU:

10 October: **Brexit preparedness and business contingency planning examined.** Transcript - **Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry, Road Haulage Association, Federation of Small Businesses, British Retail Consortium.** Transcript - **Auditor General, Institute for Government, Institute for Economic Affairs, Chatham House.**

11 October: **Letter and trading relationship fact sheets from the Secretary of State.**

16 October: **Letter to the Secretary of State, Dominic Raab MP.**

17 October: **Government officials and Lead Non-Executive questioned.**

18 October: **Letter to the Secretary of State about evidence.**

24 October: **Letter from the Secretary of State.**

24 October: **Committee examine Brexit backstop plans. Transcript.**

30 October: **Letter to the Secretary of State.**

31 October: **Committee examines Parliamentary procedure for approving withdrawal agreement. Transcript.**

### Health and Social Services:

23 October: Impact of a no deal Brexit on health and social care inquiry –74 pieces of **written evidence:** including **NHS Providers; NICE; UNISON; General Medical Council; British Medical Association; Cancer Research UK; Royal College of Nursing.**

23 October: **NHS Providers, University of Sheffield; Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry, Healthcare Distribution Association, Johnson & Johnson, and Matt Hancock MP questioned on no-deal Brexit on health sector. Transcript.**

### Home Affairs:

9 October: **Migration Advisory Committee discuss EEA migration report. Transcript.**

11 October: **Government Response** to UK-EU security cooperation follow-up report published.

11 October: **Chair comments on EU Settlement Scheme – Letter from the Immigration Minister.**

29 October: **Committee criticises Government’s response to migration report – Report: Policy options for future migration from the European Economic Area: Interim report: Government Response to the Committee’s Eighth Report.**

30 October: **Immigration Minister questioned on preparations for Brexit border security.**

### International Trade:

20 October: **Letter from the Secretary of State on the Departments progress on EU Exit preparations.**

24 October: **Impact of future UK-EU trading arrangements examined. Transcript.**

25 October: **Letter from Secretary of State on UK’s schedule of goods at the WTO.**

26 October: **Chair comments on Liam Fox announcement on UK's good schedule at WTO.**

31 October: **Business and civil society involvement in scrutiny of UK trade policy examined. Transcript.**

13 November: Evidence Session on The impact of UK- EU arrangements on wider UK trade policy.

14 November: Evidence Session on UK trade policy transparency and scrutiny.

#### Liaison:

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11 October: **Letter from the Prime Minister to Chair re next evidence session theme.**

18 October: **Letter to the Prime Minister re accountability for Brexit negotiations.**

#### Northern Ireland Affairs:

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22 October: **Time short for addressing urgent Brexit challenges for NI farming** – Report: **Brexit and Agriculture in Northern Ireland.**

13 November: Evidence Session on The land border between Northern Ireland and Ireland: Follow-up.

#### Procedure:

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8 October: **The Procedure Committee has received assurances from the Government that it will make a Written Ministerial Statement when it disagrees with the recommendations of the legislative scrutiny committees examining Brexit** – text of **letter from Chris Heaton-Harris.**

10 October: **Letter to Chris Heaton-Harris MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, DEXEU, concerning the flow of statutory instruments under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.**

10 October: **Memorandum from the Government on parliamentary approval of the Withdrawal Agreement.**

10 October: **Letter from the Secretary of State, DEXEU, on section 13(1) of the**

#### EU (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

10 October: Evidence session with Ministers on the Government's White Paper Legislating for the Withdrawal Agreement and on the prospective European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill.

16 October: **Letter to Suella Braverman, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, DEXEU, concerning the Withdrawal Agreement Bill.**

24 October: Evidence Session on Motions under section 13(1) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. **Transcript.** Written evidence from **Oliver Letwin; Dominic Raab.**

25 October: **Letter from Chris Heaton-Harris, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, DEXEU, concerning the flow of statutory instruments under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.**

31 October: Motions under section 13(1) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 – evidence from Hilary Benn. **Transcript.**

#### Public Accounts:

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10 October: **Correspondence from Permanent Secretary regarding update on Customs Declaration Service.**

15 October: **Correspondence to Permanent Secretary regarding Treasury Minute Response on Exiting the European Union.**

15 October: Evidence Session - Exiting the European Union: Defra. **Transcript.** Written evidence: **British Veterinary Association; National Office of Animal Health.**

24 October: Evidence Session - Department for Transport: Implementation for Brexit. **Transport.**

#### Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs:

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16 October: Letter from Andrea Leadsom, the Leader of the House of Commons, about **Status of Resolutions of the House of Commons.**

### Science & Technology:

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10 October: An immigration system that works for science and innovation: **Government's Response to the Committee's Eighth Report.**

### Scottish Affairs:

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15 October: **MPs examine implications for Scottish exports after Brexit. Transcript.**

15 October: **Submissions wanted on agriculture in Scotland after Brexit.**

23 October: **Researchers discuss priorities for post-Brexit trade. Transcript.**

30-31 October: **Committee questions Ministers on implications of Agriculture Bill for Scotland.** Stakeholders and Fergus Ewing MSP **transcript.** George Eustace **transcript.**

### Transport:

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15 October: Freight and Brexit inquiry written evidence: **Department for Transport.**

### Welsh Affairs:

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16 October: **MPs examine post-Brexit customs arrangements. Transcript.** Written evidence from **Cardiff Business School,** and (30 October) from **Ken Skates AM.**

12 November: Evidence Session on Brexit, trade and customs: implications for Wales.

### Women and Equalities:

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31 October: **Enforcing the Equality Act: the law and the role of the EHRC examined. Transcript.** Written evidence: **Equality and Human Rights Commission, Discrimination Law Association, Government Equalities Office.**

### House of Lords

9 October: First Reading of the **Act of Union Bill.**

9 October: Statement on **Brexit: Negotiations.**

10 October: Question: **Brexit: EU Commission.**

11 October: Debate on: **Good Friday Agreement: Impact of Brexit.**

11 October: Debate on **Arts: Impact of Brexit.**

15 October: Statement and debate on **Brexit: Negotiations.**

17 October: Debate on the European Union Committee report **Dispute resolution and enforcement after Brexit.**

18 October: Question on **Brexit: Economic Effect'**

22 October: Question on **EU Referendum: Conduct.**

22 October: Statement on the **October European Council.**

23 October: Question on **Brexit: Food Security.**

24 October: Question on **Brexit: Economic Forecasts.**

24 October: Question on **Brexit: Civil Service Impartiality.**

25 October: Question on **Brexit: Preparedness for EU Exit.**

25 October: Debate on **Brexit: People's Vote.**

29 October: Question on **Brexit: Article 50.**

29 October: Question on **Brexit: Border Control.**

30 October: Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Bill: **Committee Stage; Third Reading.**

31 October: Private Notice Question on **Brexit: Withdrawal Agreement Scrutiny.**

### Committees

#### Constitution:

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15 October: **Committee recommends amendments to Trade Bill - 13th Report of Session 2017-19.**

26 October: **Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Bill fails to protect.**

**constitutional principles** – 14<sup>th</sup> Report: **Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Bill**.

29 October: **Northern Ireland Bill must ‘not set precedent for future legislation’** – 15<sup>th</sup> Report: **Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Bill**.

#### Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform:

17 October: 34<sup>th</sup> Report - **Agriculture Bill**.

22 October: 36<sup>th</sup> Report - **Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Bill**.

23 October: 35<sup>th</sup> Report - **Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Bill**.

29 October: 37<sup>th</sup> Report - **Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Bill**.

#### EU Select:

18 October 2018 - **Letter from Dominique Searle MBE, Gibraltar Representative to the UK**.

23 October: **Chief Minister of Gibraltar gives evidence on Brexit**.

23 October: **Brexit secretary refuses to give evidence to Parliament - Letter to Dominic Raab ref Scrutiny of the Withdrawal Agreement**.

29 October: **Letter from Mrs Blondel Cluff CBE, Representative of the Government of Anguilla to the UK and EU**.

31 October: **Letter to Dominic Raab and Robin Walker ref funding for Overseas Territories**.

31 October: **Lord Boswell of Aynho asks Government for assurances on scrutiny of Brexit deal**.

#### EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee:

10 October: **Minister questioned over nitrate levels in UK rivers. Transcript**.

11 October: **Letter to Steve Brine MP on food safety risk management post-**

#### Brexit:

17 October: **Defra’s readiness for a ‘no deal’ Brexit explored by Committee. Transcript**.

23 October: **Minister quizzed on BEIS readiness for a ‘no deal’ Brexit. Transcript**.

24 October: **Brexit: plant and animal biosecurity report published** – Report: **Brexit: plant and animal biosecurity**.

23 October: **Serious concerns raised over Defra’s ‘no deal’ preparations** - Delays to animal exports, Border Inspection Posts, Controlling access to UK waters, Waste shipments, Chemical regulation - **Letter to Michael Gove on Defra no-deal preparations**.

#### EU External Affairs Sub-Committee:

1 November: **Roundtable on International Development Cooperation after Brexit**.

#### EU Financial Affairs Sub-Committee:

10 October: **City Minister gives evidence on financial services after Brexit. Transcript**.

11 October: Brexit: the European Investment Bank written submissions, including: **Welsh Government; Universities UK; Scottish Government**.

17 October: **European Investment Bank funded sectors give evidence on Brexit challenges and opportunities. Transcript**.

24 October: **Academic experts give evidence to European Investment Bank inquiry**.

31 October: **Committee investigates how the European Investment Bank supports innovative companies**.

14 November: Evidence Session on Brexit: European Investment Bank.

21 November: Evidence Session on Brexit: European Investment Bank.

### EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee:

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9-10 October: The Sub-Committee visited Brussels. **Morten Messerschmidt MEP Transcript. Centre for European Reform and Centre for European Policy Studies transcript.**

17 October: **Professor Alan Manning discusses latest Migration Advisory Committee report. Transcript.**

31 October: **Pharmaceutical industry discusses Brexit no deal preparations.**

31 October: **Letter to Tracey Crouch, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Sport and Civil Society, asking for clarity on the effect that ending free movement from the EU may have on sport. Text of letter.**

2 November: **Government responds to security treaty report. Government response 'Brexit: the proposed UK-EU security treaty'.**

### EU Internal Market Sub-Committee:

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11 October: **What does the future look like for the UK-EU rail sector arrangements? Transcript.**

12 October: Future UK-EU transport arrangements inquiry written submissions: **Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies; Drewry.**

18 October: **Brexit and the maritime sector, what are the key implications? Transcript and transcript.**

22 October: **Reasoned opinion on discontinuing seasonal changes of time recommended** – 22<sup>nd</sup> Report: **Subsidiarity Assessment: discontinuing seasonal changes of time.**

1 November: **What will Brexit mean for road transport?**

12 October - 2 November: **Written evidence** for the Future UK-EU transport arrangements inquiry, including: **Automobile Association; The National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT); Eurostar International Ltd; Department for Transport; Road Haulage Association; Freight Transport Association; Getlink; European Sea Ports Association; Translink.**

14 November: Evidence Session on Future UK-EU transport arrangements.

### EU Justice Sub-Committee:

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16 October: **Committee writes to Minister expressing concerns over family justice system post Brexit – text of letter.**

23 October: **Legal experts advise on intellectual property and Unified Patent Court. Transcript.**

30 October: **Patent protection experts questioned.**

### Liaison:

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31 October: **Mick Antoniw AM and Lord Hennessy give evidence to Liaison Committee on the review of investigative and scrutiny committees.**

### Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee:

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17 October: **UK hauliers face uncertain future in event of 'no deal' Brexit** – Report: **Sub-Committee A 1st Report:** Draft International Road Transport Permits (EU Exit) Regulations 2018, Correspondence on the Draft International Road Transport Permits (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.

18 October: **Sub-Committee B 1st Report.**

24 October: **Sub-Committee A 2nd Report.**

25 October: **Sub-Committee B 2nd Report.**

31 October: **Sub-Committee A 3rd Report.**

1 November: **Sub-Committee B 3rd Report.**

1 November: 42<sup>nd</sup> Report of Session - **Delegated legislation under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.** – estimate of Brexit SI's:

- 50-100 SIs, of which 55% are likely to be negative under the EUWA in October;
- 150-200 SIs, of which 55% are likely to be negative under the EUWA in November;
- 100-150 SIs, of which 35% are likely to be negative under the EUWA in December;

- 100–150 SIs, of which 25% are likely to be negative under the EUWA in January;
- 10–50 SIs, of which 20% are likely to be negative under the EUWA in February;
- 10–50 SIs, of which 30% are likely to be negative under the EUWA in March.

## News

9 October: George Brandis [Australian High Commissioner]: **Britain should not fear Brexit** (CapX)

9 October: **U.S. Threatens to Block U.K. From Global Procurement Pact** (Bloomberg) Also: **US considers blocking UK from global procurement agreement** (Supply Chain Online)

10 October: **UK car industry launches contingency programme for ‘no deal’ Brexit** (Reuters)

10 October: **Brexit as a Revolution** - Sir Ivan Rogers’ speech at Trinity College, Cambridge.

10 October: **Discussion paper No.3 Brexit and the OBR’s forecasts** (Office for Budget Responsibility)

10 October: **University ‘dual nationality’ plan for Brexit** (BBC)

10 October: **What sort of Brexit do the British people want?** A longitudinal study examining the “trade-offs” people would be willing to make in reaching a Brexit deal – technical addendum (Rand Corporation and King’s College London)

15 October: **Nissan delays UK pay talks until after Brexit clarity** (Reuters)

15 October: **An island apart: the inside story of how the Foreign Office is failing to prepare for Brexit** (Prospect)

15 October: **What the Government needs to do to prepare for ‘no deal’ Brexit** (Institute for Government)

16 October: **John Major speech in full: Ex-PM warns Brexiteers they ‘will never be forgotten - or forgiven’** - The former Tory Prime Minister said Brexiteers “persuaded a deceived population to vote to be weaker and poorer” (Mirror)

18 October: **British Irish Chamber of Commerce warns of alarming risks to**

## **business & trade from a “no-deal” outcome.**

18 October: **Failure to secure Brexit deal leaves small businesses on the brink** (Federation of Small Businesses)

18 October: **Lack of Brexit progress a threat to trade, says FTA.**

19 October: **Chairman’s Comment on Negotiations on the UK’s Withdrawal from the EU** - We hope that both the UK and EU governments will continue to make maximum efforts to reach a satisfactory settlement and that a “withdrawal without agreement” is avoided at all costs. (Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association, Inc.)

19 October: **Singapore prepared to strike UK trade deal** - “From an economic point of view, it’s hard to make the argument that you’ll be in a superior position outside the EU than in, but I fully understand you have other considerations which may outweigh the economic one.” (Politico)

21 October: **8 out of 10 businesses say Brexit hits investment as speed of talks outpaced by reality firms face on ground** (CBI)

22 October: **Brexit must not end free movement, Nobel scientists say** (BBC)

24 October: **5 months to go before Brexit, but UK’s exports already down 13%: Study** (Business Standard)

24 October: **Russia blocks UK’s post-Brexit tariff proposal at WTO** - The single objection from Russia is enough for the WTO not to certify the schedules until all doubts are resolved. It’s also possible that more countries have sent similar notices to the UK mission –19 countries have raised concerns informally about the schedules. The exact number of formal notices is unknown, because the procedure isn’t open to the public. (mlex Market Insight)

24 October: **NAO report confirms RHA Brexit fears.**

24 October: (International Air Transport Association) **IATA Outlines Urgent Priorities to Minimize Brexit Impacts - Report on Brexit & Air Transport Issues.**

26 October: **Logistics industry resilient in face of Brexit uncertainty, finds FTA report.**

26 October: **Road Haulage Customs - what's in the pipeline?** (RHA)

30 October: **Opinion: Time to grow up and change our minds about Brexit** (Farmers Weekly)

31 October: **Standard & Poor's: No-deal Brexit would plunge Britain into recession.**

1 November: **Impossible to check EU workers' rights without a system in place, says FTA.**

1 November: **ABPI-BIA submission to MHRA consultation on EU Exit no-deal contingency legislation for the regulation of medicines and medical devices.**

3 November: **Business leaders join call for second vote on Brexit** - More than 50 signatories warn of economic damage of 'destructive' exit from EU (Guardian)

5 November: **UK aircraft engineers seek Irish licences to stay working in EU after Brexit** (Irish Times)

6 November: **Preparing for "No Deal" Brexit. Guide 1 - International Permits and Customs** (Road Haulage Association)

6 November: **Random selection process for permits to enter Europe is a random suggestion says the RHA.**

7 November: **Northern Ireland Brexit clarity welcome but more must be done** - The news that Northern Ireland's (NI) commercial vehicle operators will have unrestricted access to the Republic of Ireland (ROI) in the event of a no-deal Brexit is a promising step forward, according to the Freight Transport Association (FTA), the business organisation which represents the logistics industry, but the lack of clarity on permits for British operators must be addressed to keep trade flowing freely to ROI.

## Scotland

### Scottish Parliament

Scottish Parliament Brexit Update: **23 October; 30 October.**

Scottish Parliament Information Centre: **Preparing for a no-deal Brexit: Commercial fishing; How is Scottish law being prepared for Brexit?; The UK Migration Advisory Committee's response to regional variation in the immigration system; After Brexit: Migration Advisory Committee Proposals on Future EU Migration to the UK; Preparing for a no-deal Brexit: travelling between the UK and the EU.**

25 October: Statement on **Scotland's Place in Europe: Our Way Forward.**

23 October: Justice Committee: **Question on Law Enforcement and Security (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.**

24 October: Finance and Constitution Committee: **Round-table on Common Frameworks.**

24 October: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee: European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 - **Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.**

30 October: Justice Committee: The committee recommended that the Scottish Parliament give its consent to the UK Parliament to pass the Criminal Justice (Arrangements for Compensation) (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

1 November: Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee: **Evidence session on Immigration, with Professor Alan Manning of the Migration Advisory Committee.**

### Scottish Government

11 October: **Single market 'essential'** - Continued EU membership worth billions to the Scottish economy.

11 October: **Mitigating the impact of Brexit** - Councils' 'leadership' welcome.

12 October: **'No deal' could raise electricity bills.**

19 October: **2018 Arctic Circle Assembly** – Cabinet Secretary in Iceland.

21 October: **Ministers to raise research concerns at Brexit meeting** - Call to prioritise and protect future research collaboration with the EU.

27 October: **Securing the status of EU citizens** - Family members excluded from UK pilot.

1 November: **Helping businesses prepare for Brexit.**

4 November: **Stockpiling medicines** - FM: 'UK Government must come clean on Brexit cost to NHS'.

6 November: **Threat to seed potato exports** - No deal scenario unacceptable.

## Northern Ireland

The Assembly publishes a **'Brexit Brief' newsletter and Brexit information.**

**Brexit Brief Newsletter October 2018.**

26 October: **EU exit regulations and Northern Ireland** (A blog from the Northern Ireland Assembly Research and Information Service)

The Assembly's Research and Information Services has a **Brexit Hub** with information and links to resources on the subject of Brexit and Northern Ireland.

8 October: **Consultation on new UK Geographical Indications (GI) Scheme now open.**

6 November: **Pet owners encouraged to seek advice on travel plans ahead of EU exit.**

## UK-Ireland relations

11 October: Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement: **North South Implementation Bodies: InterTradeIreland and Tourism Ireland**.

11 October: Seanad Éireann debate on **Brexit Supports**.

16 October: Dáil Éireann debate: **Pre-European Council Meeting: Statements**.

17 October: **Joint Committee on European Union Affairs**: Annual Report of European Court of Auditors: Discussion; Preparations for the European Parliament Elections 2019: Discussion.

24 October: Dáil Éireann: Questions on **EU Council Meeting**.

16 October: **€300m loan scheme aimed at helping to ‘Brexit-proof’ SMEs and agri-food** (Independent.ie)

5 November: **Statement regarding a phone call between An Taoiseach and the UK Prime Minister**.

## Reports published

[Houses of Commons and Lords Libraries](#)

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**The Agriculture Bill**.

**The status of EU citizens in the UK after Brexit**

**Brexit and air quality**

**Brexit and chemicals regulation (REACH)**

**Brexit questions in national and EU courts**

**Brexit: the exit bill**

**Brexit: devolved legislature business**

**What if there’s no Brexit deal?**

**Case for a Referendum on the Outcome of EU Withdrawal Negotiations**

**A User’s Guide to the Meaningful Votes**

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**The Roman ‘Brexit’: how life in Britain changed after 409AD**

**We asked the British public what kind of Brexit they want – and the Norway model is the clear winner**

**Brexit backstop refresh: why the UK and EU can’t agree on Northern Ireland**

**NHS reliance on EU staff in numbers – full scale of Brexit risk revealed**

**Brexit backstop: this is why it’s so hard to talk about a Northern Ireland deal**

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**Don't shoot the messenger: the European Commission's role in the Brexit negotiations**

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**Curiosity, intelligence and spirit of adventure: challenging misconceptions about low-skilled EU migrants**

**Remainer or Leaver? The emergence of the Brexit identity prism**

**One country? No: Northern Ireland has always been treated differently**

**Universities are a bargaining chip in the Brexit free-trade future**

**'Britzerland': the problem of dispute resolution post-Brexit**

**Puffer Fish and Bargaining Chips: Why hard bargaining harms British interests**

**Continental Breakfast 12: Where is Brexit heading to?**

**Continental Breakfast 13: Brexit's lasting effects on the EU**

**Pushing the BoE to the limit: what a no-deal Brexit will mean for UK exchange and interest rates**

**Just how wrong is the Brexiteer view of an anti-market EU? Ask Canada or Australia**

**Brexit has already hurt EU and non-EU exports by up to 13% – new research**

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**What sort of Brexit do the British people want?** A longitudinal study examining the “trade-offs” people would be willing to make in reaching a Brexit deal – technical addendum (Rand Corporation and King's College London)

**Post-Brexit transfers of personal data: The clock is ticking** (Bruegel)

**How much regulatory divergence can we have within the UK?** (Open Europe)

**Partners in equality? The EU and devolution** (Cardiff Brexit blogs)

**A Canada v Norway second vote: a way out of impasse?** (Cardiff Brexit blogs)

**Brexit and the health & social care workforce in the UK** (National Institute of Economic and Social Research)

**Understanding the economic impact of Brexit** (Institute for Government)

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