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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 15 – 29 January 2019, 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:

- 14 January: The Committee held an Expert panel discussion on the development of common UK policy frameworks and legislating for Brexit, with Cardiff University and the Institute for Government. [Transcript](#).
- 21 January: The Committee held an evidence session with Eluned Morgan, the Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language, on Wales' future relationship with Europe - part two. [Transcript](#).
- 28 January: After noting correspondence the Committee moved to private session.

On 21 January EAAL noted:

- [Correspondence from the Chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs regarding the consideration of the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Fisheries Bill - 11 January 2019.](#)
- [Correspondence from David Lidington MP to Chair EAAL and Chair CLAC regarding intergovernmental relations and Ministerial engagement - 17 January 2019.](#)

On 28 January EAAL noted:

- [Correspondence from Mick Antoniw AM and Bethan Sayed AM to the Chair regarding the report on 'Wales' future relationship with the Committee of the Regions' - 23 January 2019.](#)

17 January: [Meeting of the Interparliamentary Forum on Brexit](#). Mick Antoniw AM and David Rees AM attended.

22 January: The Welsh Government laid responses to EAAL Committee's reports:

- [Written Response by the Welsh Government to the report of the External Affairs Committee entitled Preparing for Brexit: Follow-up report on the preparedness of Welsh Ports](#). All recommendations accepted.
- [Written Response by the Minister for Health and Social Services to the report of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee entitled: Preparing for Brexit - Report on the Preparedness of the healthcare and medicines sector in Wales](#). All recommendations accepted.
- [Written Response by the Welsh Government to the report of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee entitled 'Preparing for Brexit; Report on preparedness of the food and drink sector in Wales'](#). All recommendations accepted.

Plenary

15 January: Plenary Statement by the Counsel General Designate and Brexit Minister: [The UK Government's current proposals for EU Withdrawal](#).

16 January: Questions in plenary to the [Counsel General and Brexit Minister](#).

16 January: Plenary Debate: ['No Deal' Brexit](#).

22 January: Oral statements in Plenary:

- [Statement by the First Minister: Update on the UK Government's Proposals for EU Withdrawal](#)
- [Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: The Impact of a 'No Deal' Brexit on our Health and Care Services](#)
- [Statement by the Minister for Economy and Transport: The Impact of a 'No Deal' Brexit on Transportation](#)
- [Statement by the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs: The Impact of a 'No Deal' Brexit on the Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries](#)
- [Statement by the Minister for Housing and Local Government: Preparing our Public Services for a 'No Deal' Brexit—Civil Contingencies](#)
- [Statement by the Counsel General and Brexit Minister: The Impact of a 'No Deal' Brexit on Wales](#)

29 January: **Plenary debate on the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee reports on Brexit Preparedness.**

30 January: **Plenary debate on the Prospects for a Brexit Deal Following the House of Commons Vote.**

The Research Service's own blogs are published on **In Brief**. The latest Brexit blogs are:

- **New publication: UK Fisheries Bill 2017-19: Bill Summary;**
- **Preparing for Brexit;**
- **Supreme Court rules on Scottish Brexit Bill;**
- **Brexit Negotiations Monitoring Report;**
- **New First Minister, new Brexit priorities?;**

From 13 December to 9 January the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee consulted on the **Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Fisheries Bill**. It has taken oral evidence from stakeholders and from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs, and will report by 12 February on the LCM. On 4 January the Committee published its **Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum in relation to the UK Agriculture Bill**.

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**. In January the Committee published its report **The Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Agriculture Bill**. It has taken evidence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs in relation to the LCM on the Fisheries Bill, and will report by 12 February on this.

Welsh Government

14 January: **'No deal' could have devastating impact on Welsh farming and fisheries - Lesley Griffiths.**

15 January: **Prime Minister gambling with nation's future - Jeremy Miles.**

15 January: The Counsel General and Brexit Minister made an Oral Statement, **The UK Government's current proposals for EU Withdrawal.**

16 January: The First Minister **wrote to the Prime Minister** setting out his views on the next steps the UK Government should take following the House of Commons vote.

18 January: **European commission recognises importance of Compound Semiconductors by unlocking up to €1.75 billion for industry research and innovation.**

18 January: **Welsh Government support for Airbus unwavering - Minister for North Wales.**

18 January: **Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C.**

21 January: **Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C.**

22 January: **Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C.**

22 January: **Oral Statement: Update on the UK Government's Proposals for EU Withdrawal.**

22 January: **First Minister: Take no deal off the table.**

24 January: **Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C.**

25 January: **Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C.**

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25 January: **€1.9m EU funds to link communities in Ireland and Wales through stories of Celtic saints.**

29 January: **Written Statement laid under Standing Order 30C.**

News

16 January: **NFU Cymru President responds to the meaningful vote.**

16 January: **CLA statement on the Prime Minister's meaningful vote defeat.**

16 January: **FUW calls on UK Government to take back control.**

21 January: **New National Report examines how Brexit may affect health and well-being of people across Wales** (Public Health Wales)

22 January: **NFU Cymru reaffirms 'No deal' stance.**

22 January: **Disastrous impacts of leaving EU, customs union and single market already being felt says FUW.**

24 January: **'Farmers should be prepared for possibility of a 'No deal' Brexit'** (NFU Cymru)

28 January: **MPs table crucial amendments to the Agriculture Bill** (TFA)

EU Developments

European Council

14 January: **Joint letter of President Tusk and President Juncker to Theresa May, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.**

22 January: **Speech by President Donald Tusk at the signing ceremony of the Franco-German Treaty of Aachen.**

24 January: **Better work-life balance for EU citizens: Presidency reaches provisional agreement with the European Parliament.**

28 January: **Safeguards in free trade agreements: Council adopts horizontal framework for bilateral measures.**

30 January: **Ensuring continued funding for the PEACE programme after Brexit: Council agrees its position.**

30 January: **Trans-European transport network – Coreper approves mandate for talks on Brexit-related adaptation**

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.

14 January: **Letter from the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission to Prime Minister Theresa May.**

15 January: **Statement by President Juncker on the outcome of the Meaningful Vote in the United Kingdom House of Commons.**

16 January: **Speeches by First Vice-President Frans Timmermans and Michel Barnier on behalf of President Juncker at the Plenary session of the European Parliament on the occasion of the debate on the UK's withdrawal from the EU.**

23 January: **Speech by Michel Barnier at the European Economic and Social Committee.**

23 January: **European Commission adopts adequacy decision on Japan, creating the world's largest area of safe data flows.**

23 January: **Brexit preparedness: European Commission adopts two contingency proposals to help mitigate impact of "no-deal" Brexit on EU fisheries.**

24 January: **January infringements package: key decisions.** The UK mentioned 6 times for: urban waste water treatment; public procurement and concessions rules; rules on road transport of dangerous goods; VAT rules for certain commodity markets; income tax relief for losses on disposals of shares; tax relief for loans to traders.

25 January: **76 partners launch WTO talks on e-commerce.**

30 January: **Brexit Preparedness: European Commission adopts final set of "no-deal" contingency measures for Erasmus+ students, social security coordination rules and the EU budget.**

30 January: **Speeches by President Juncker and Chief Negotiator Michel Barnier at the Plenary session of the European Parliament** on the occasion of the debate on the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU.

30 January: **EU-U.S. trade talks: European Commission publishes progress report.**

31 January: **EU-Japan trade agreement enters into force.**

European Parliament

16 January: **Brexit: the time has come for the UK to clarify its position.**

17 January: **Member states jeopardising the rule of law will risk losing EU funds** - Governments interfering with courts or failing to tackle fraud and corruption will risk suspension of EU funds, according to a draft law endorsed by MEPs.

24 January: **EP Brexit Steering Group calls on the UK to overcome the deadlock** - the [Brexit Steering Group] insists that, without such an "all-weather" backstop-insurance, the European Parliament will not give its consent to the Withdrawal Agreement.

29 January: **Visa-free access to the EU for UK nationals and to the UK for EU nationals.**

30 January: **MEPs urge UK to break current deadlock.**

News

17 January: **Chain solution for Brexit in the Dutch ports** - Following the upcoming Brexit, the UK will become a third country. This will irrevocably result in the introduction of customs formalities for both shortsea and ferry traffic. In the case of a no-deal, even as soon as the 29th of March 2019. Due to these customs formalities, the various links in the chain will have to share information. This is necessary for them to perform their own customs formalities, but also to enable the other links to do so. Failure to do this will result in logistical delays, additional administrative burdens and potential financial risks. (Portbase – the Dutch Port Community System)

23 January: **New report: The future of the European space sector - How to leverage Europe's technological leadership and boost investments for space ventures** (European Investment Bank)

23 January: **A Member State that has given notice of its intention to withdraw from the EU in accordance with Article 50 TEU remains the responsible State for the purposes of the Dublin III Regulation** (Court of Justice of the European Union)

28 January: **Strict rules planned to avoid traffic jams out of Dublin Port after Brexit** - Hauliers warned not to enter Port without customs paperwork for UK-bound goods (Irish Times)

29 January: **According to Advocate General Bot, the mechanism for the settlement of disputes between investors and States provided for by the free trade agreement between the EU and Canada is compatible with EU law** (Court of Justice of the European Union)

UK Developments

UK Government

14 January: Exchange of letters between the UK and EU on the Northern Ireland backstop. **Letter to Presidents Tusk and Juncker. Letter to the Prime Minister.**

15 January: **Prime Minister Theresa May's statement to the House of Commons following the Meaningful Vote.**

16 January: **Prime Minister Theresa May made a statement having won the confidence of the House in her Government.**

17 January: **Brexit: Theresa May pushes for cross-party consensus** - She is to publish her new plan on EU withdrawal to Parliament on Monday, 21 January, with a full debate and the key vote on it scheduled for Tuesday, 29 January (BBC)

17 January: **Call-Out Order in Support of Government Contingency Planning for a No Deal EU Exit: Written statement - HCWS1254.**

- ... to enable Reservists to be called into permanent service in support of the HMG contingency planning for a no deal EU exit scenario.
- ... assisting the Cabinet Office coordinated work programme ... to mitigate the potential immediate impacts leaving the EU, under a 'No Deal' scenario, might have on the welfare, health and security of UK citizens and economic stability of the UK.
- ... such as: reinforcement of Regular sub-units, liaison officer roles and the provision of specialist skills. A particularly important role may be the planned reinforcement of Regional Points of Command, to enable their 24/7 operation and resilience. We would also expect Reserves to be drawn upon to support the implementation of contingency plans developed by Other Government Departments.
- ... from ... 10 February 2019 [to] 9 February 2020.

21 January: **Expat voting rights treaty secured with Spain.**

21 January: **Prime Minister Theresa May gave a statement to the House of Commons on Brexit.**

23 January: **PM Theresa May met with the First Ministers of Scotland and Wales in Downing Street.**

23 January: **International Trade Secretary in Davos to get trade continuity agreements over the line.**

24 January update: **Customs, VAT and Excise regulations: leaving the EU with no deal** - This collection brings together regulations, explanatory memoranda, and an impact assessment in preparation for day 1, if the UK leaves the EU with no deal.

24 January: **Davos 2019: Chancellor's speech at the CBI's British business leaders lunch**

25 January: **Brexit: 'Very significant disruption' from no deal, says chancellor** (BBC)

28 January: **Data Protection and Brexit - Is your organisation prepared?** - Guidance to help businesses and charities continue to comply with data protection law after 29 March.

28 January: **UK and Gibraltar Discuss Future and Conclude Agreement on Gambling.**

29 January: **PM statement to the House of Commons.**

30 January: **UK and Chile sign trade continuity agreement**

House of Commons

14 January: Defence questions: **Leaving the EU: Defence Co-operation; Leaving the EU: Future Defence Relationship.**

14 January: The Prime Minister made a statement on **Leaving the EU**, focussing on the 'Ireland-Northern Ireland backstop'.

14 January: Debate day on the **European Union (Withdrawal) Act.**

14 January: Westminster Hall debate: **petitions about leaving the EU.**

15 January: Health and Social Care question: **Leaving the EU: Contingency Planning.**

15 January: Debate day on the **European Union (Withdrawal) Act**. The UK Government lost the 'meaningful vote' by 432-202..

16 January: Scotland questions: **Leaving the EU: Immigration; Leaving the EU; Leaving the EU: Common Fisheries Policy**.

16 January: **Prime Minister's questions**.

16 January: First Reading of the **European Union Referendum (Preparation) Bill and the European Union Referendum Bill**. Second Reading on 21 January.

16 January: Debate on a **motion of No Confidence in Her Majesty's Government**. The motion was defeated.

17 January: Environment, Food and Rural Affairs questions on Leaving the EU: **No deal; Care and Protection of Animals; Farming Policy; Food and Drink Standards**.

21 January: Home department questions: **Security Agreements: European Union; Immigration; EU Settlement Scheme; Immigration: Scottish Economy**.

21 January: Prime Minister's statement and debate on **Leaving the EU**.

22 January: Foreign and Commonwealth Office question: **Leaving the EU: Diplomatic Co-operation**.

23 January: Wales questions: **EU Withdrawal Agreement; UK Shared Prosperity Fund; Leaving the EU: No Deal**.

23 January: **Prime Ministers questions**, and **continued**.

24 January: 17 Exiting the European Union questions., starting with **Devolved Administrations: Discussions**.

24 January: Urgent question on **EU Free Trade Agreements**.

28 January: Housing, Communities and Local Government questions: **UK Shared Prosperity Fund**.

28 January: Second Reading of the **Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill**.

29 January: Treasury questions on Leaving the EU: **No Deal; Scotland; No Deal; Economic Forecasts**.

29 January: Debate on the **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018**.

30 January: Northern Ireland questions: **Border: Use of Technology; Backstop Protocol**.

30 January: **Prime Ministers questions**.

30 January: First Reading of the **European Union (Requirements Relating to Withdrawal) Bill**.

Committees

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs:

18 January: Letter from DEFRA's Permanent Secretary on **Defra's Statutory Instruments Programme**.

20 January: **Fisheries Bill presents 'once-in-a-generation' opportunity** – Report: **Beyond the Common Fisheries Policy: Scrutiny of the Fisheries Bill**.

23 January: Scrutiny of the Fisheries Bill inquiry written evidence: **The Blue Marine Foundation; Cornwall Seal Group Research Trust; DEFRA**.

23 January: **Brand Britain: promoting and marketing British food and drink Transcript**.

30 January: Evidence Session on Farm Inspection and Regulation Review.

30 January: Evidence Session on Pre-legislative scrutiny of the Draft Environment (Principles and Governance) Bill.

European Scrutiny:

16 January: 51st Report: **Documents considered by the Committee on 16 January 2019**.

16 January: **Committee question former Secretary of State David Davis**.

30 January: **Committee hears from Steve Baker in inquiry examining Brexit negotiations**

6 February: Evidence Session on UK Exit from the EU with Dominic Raab MP and Suella Braverman MP

European Statutory Instruments:

15 January: **Instruments to be considered by the Committee on 22 January.**

23 January: **Instruments to be considered by the Committee on 29 January.**

Exiting the EU:

16 January: **Immediate report on next steps for Parliament following rejection of the Withdrawal Agreement.** Report - **Response to the vote on the Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration: Options for Parliament.**

28 January: **A 'managed no deal' cannot constitute the policy of any responsible Government** - Report: **Response to the vote on the Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration: Assessing the Options.**

Foreign Affairs:

21 January: **Committee examine European responses to irregular migration.**

23 January: **Committee examines future of UK sanctions. Transcript.**

Human Rights:

23 January: **Government urged to guarantee rights protections for EU citizens** - Letter to the Home Secretary, regarding the **Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill.**

International Trade:

16 January: Evidence Session: UK Trade Remedies Authority - follow-up. **Transcript.**

23 January: **UK investment policy examined with experts. Transcript.**

30 January: **Committee examines progress on post-Brexit trade agreements**

Liaison:

7 January: **Letter to the Prime Minister regarding Brexit.**

14 January: **Reply from the Prime Minister.**

Northern Ireland Affairs:

23 January: **Committee questions lawyers on what's next for Brexit deal. Transcript.**

30 January: **Dominic Raab questioned on how Brexit negotiations led to backstop.**

Procedure:

16 January: **Letter to the Speaker regarding proceedings on a Business of the House motion.**

Public Accounts:

25 January: **Brexit's impact on public finances must be made clear in accounts** - Report: **Whole of Government Accounts.**

Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs:

17 January: **Meeting of the Interparliamentary Forum on Brexit.** Mick Antoniw AM and David Rees AM attended.

29 January: **One-off session examining constitutional implications of Commons procedure ahead of votes on Brexit 'Plan B'.**

Science and Technology:

19 December: **Brexit, Science and Innovation: Preparations for 'No-Deal' inquiry launched. Letter to the Minister for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation on 'No deal' preparations and Horizon 2020. Letter from the Minister for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation on 'No deal' preparations and Horizon 2020.**

30 January: **Evidence Session on 'No Deal' Brexit preparedness.**

Scottish Affairs:

15 January: **Committee looks to Canada and Belgium for devolution direction. Transcript.**

15 January: Letter from the Policy Executive of The Law Society of Scotland about **Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications post-Brexit**.

16 January: **Letter from the Director of International & Brexit Policy, UK Finance**.

22 January: Fisheries Bill written evidence: **Greenpeace; National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations**.

22 January: The future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit written evidence: **Law Society of Scotland**;

28 January: **The committee went to West Lothian to take evidence from agriculture experts and hear the views of agriculture students on the future of Scottish agriculture**.

Transport:

24 January: **Letter from Secretary of State for Transport regarding procurement of additional ferry services as part of 'no deal' contingency planning**.

Treasury:

16 January Evidence Session on the Bank of England Financial Stability Reports.

17 January: **Letter from the Economic Secretary to the Treasury re EU Exit Legislation For A No Deal Scenario**.

22 January: The UK's economic relationship with the European Union inquiry – written evidence from the **Bank of England**.

25 January: The Committee launched a **new inquiry into the future of the UK's financial services once the UK has left the EU**.

29 January: Evidence Session on The UK's economic relationship with the European Union.

Welsh Affairs:

17 January: **Interparliamentary Forum on Brexit**. Mick Antoniw AM and David Rees AM attended.

28 January: **Committee visited Port of Holyhead to examine future impact of Brexit**.

5 February: Evidence session on Brexit, trade and customs: implications for Wales

House of Lords

14 January: Questions on **Brexit: Agriculture**.

14 January: 3rd day of debate: **Brexit: Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration**, and **continued**.

14 January: Statement and questions: **Leaving the European Union**.

16 January: Questions on **Brexit: Support for Remaining in the EU**.

16 January: Questions on **Brexit: EU Citizens in the UK**.

16 January: Debate on the European Union Committee Report **Brexit: Proposed UK-EU Security Treaty**.

16 January: Debate on the European Union Committee Report **Brexit: Consumer Protection**.

17 January: Question on **Brexit: Consumer Rights**.

17 January: Debate on **Brexit: Stability of the Union**.

17 January: Short debate on **Brexit: Further Referendum**.

21 January: Question on **Brexit: Cross-Channel Transport**.

21 January: 1st Committee Day on the **Trade Bill**, and **continued**.

21 January: Statement and debate on **Leaving the European Union**.

22 January: Question on **Health: Medicines Shortage**.

22 January: First Reading of the **Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill**.

22 January: EU Exit Regulations: **Social Entrepreneurship Funds; Venture Capital Funds; Alternative Investment Fund Managers; Interchange Fee; Justification Decision Power; Transfrontier Shipment of Radioactive Waste and Spent Fuel; Nuclear Safeguards (Fissionable Material and Relevant International Agreements); Nuclear Safeguards; Invasive Non-native Species; Floods and Water.**

23 January: 2nd Committee Day on the **Trade Bill**, and **continued**.

23 January: Short debate: **Brexit: Foreign Language Teaching and Public Service Interpreting.**

23 January: Grand Committee: EU Exit Regulations: **Electronic Communications and Wireless Telegraphy; Money Laundering and Transfer of Funds (Information); Market Abuse; Credit Rating Agencies; Merchant Shipping (Recognised Organisations); Ship and Port Security; Merchant Shipping and Other Transport (Environmental Protection); Ship Recycling (Facilities and Requirements for Hazardous Materials on Ships).**

24 January: Question on **Brexit: Negotiations.**

24 January: Question on **Brexit: Insulin Supplies.**

24 January: Question on **Brexit: EU Free Trade Agreements.**

28 January: Debate on **Brexit: Parliamentary Approval of the Outcome of Negotiations with the European Union.**

29 January: Questions on **Brexit: Security.**

29 January: Grand Committee: Debate on the **Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.**

30 January: 3rd Committee Day of the **Trade Bill**, and **continued**.

Committees

Constitution:

30 January: **David Lidington and Alun Duncan give evidence on treaty scrutiny after Brexit**

EU Select:

21 January: **Committee undertakes scrutiny of Brexit-related treaties** - The House of Lords European Union Committee will scrutinise Brexit-related international agreements or treaties, from now until the end of the 2017-19 session of Parliament.

23 January: **Brexit Minister Stephen Barclay MP questioned on Brexit.**

29 January: **'No deal' preparation discussed with academics and experts.**

29 January: **Government publishes list of Brexit-related treaties**

EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee:

15 January: **Letter from Michael Gove on Defra's no deal preparations.**

16 January: **Government response: Brexit: chemical regulation. Government rebuked for lack of preparation on Brexit and chemicals - Letter to Defra Minister Thérèse Coffey.**

16 January: **Government response: Brexit: plant and animal biosecurity.**

30 January: **Who will uphold environmental law after Brexit?**

EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee:

24 January: **More detail requested on access to medicines 'no deal' preparations. Letter to Matt Hancock on access to medicines in the event of no deal.**

29 January: **Inquiry into future UK-EU asylum cooperation.**

6 February: Evidence Session on Brexit: future UK-EU cooperation on asylum and international protection.

EU Justice Sub-Committee:

18 January: **Committee concerned about future of Human Rights Act post-Brexit.**

22 January: **Home Secretary questioned again about citizens' rights after Brexit.**

24 January: **Letter to the Home Secretary on citizens' rights post-Brexit.**

Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (Sub-Committee A):

16 January: **12th Report of Session 2017-19.**

23 January: **13th Report of Session 2017-19.**

30 January: **14th Report of Session 2017-19**

Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (Sub-Committee B):

17 January: **12th Report of Session 2017-19.**

24 January: **13th Report of Session 2017-19.**

31 January: **14th Report of Session 2017-19**

News

15 January: **Time for people to have the final say on Brexit, says TUC.**

16 January: **No Deal - Bad for business, bad for Britain, says FTA.**

21 January: **For lorries queuing at congested Calais, no-deal Brexit looms large** (Guardian).

21 January: **Response to PM's latest Brexit update in House of Commons.**

22 January: **Where did Brexit come from and where is it going to take the UK?** Sir Ivan Rogers speaking at UCL.

22 January: **Time to guarantee no March cliff-edge** (CBI)

23 January: **Manufacturing sentiment deteriorates further amid Brexit uncertainty** (CBI)

24 January: **Prime minister still refusing to budge on Brexit deal, says TUC boss.**

24 January: **UK set to ditch overfishing safeguards, despite 'green Brexit' promise** (Greenpeace)

24 January: **Airbus Calls Brexit Process a Disgrace, Threatens to Leave U.K.** (Bloomberg)

25 January: **CBI sets out business impact of a 'no deal' Brexit in every region and nation across the UK. Impact on Wales.**

25 January: **The Road Haulage Association welcomes EU post-Brexit support.**

28 January: **Letter to MPs from the British Retail Consortium, supermarkets and restaurants**(BRC). **UK grocers, fast food warn of major disruption from no-deal Brexit** (Reuters)

28 January: **Find a way to avoid a cliff edge Brexit, RHA urges MPs.**

29 January: **UK retirees in EU will lose free healthcare under no-deal Brexit** - Burden on NHS could increase after 29 March if pensioners return to UK for treatment (Guardian).

31 January: **Brexit: How ready is the UK government for no deal?** The government isn't ready for the prospect of the UK leaving the EU with no deal in two months' time, according to a report from the Institute for Government. (BBC)

Scotland

20 December: **Brexit crisis: Court of Session grants declarator mirroring decision of Court of Justice in Article 50 case** (Scottish Legal News)

Scottish Parliament

Scottish Parliament Brexit Update: **16 January; 24 January; 30 January**

Scottish Parliament Information Centre: **Brexit - Seeking amendments to the backstop; Brexit - after the meaningful vote; What would happen to citizens' rights in a no deal Brexit?**

24 January: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs Committee: Evidence session on **Article 50 negotiations**.

25 January: **No-deal Brexit would damage Scotland's economy and public finances**, says Holyrood's Finance & Constitution Committee.

Scottish Government

16 January: **Letter from the First Minister to the Prime Minister** following the 'meaningful vote'.

16 January: **Agri-food tariff threat to Scottish consumers and producers**.

20 January: **Businesses concerned about Brexit** - Risks of higher consumer prices, loss of labour and EU funding.

Northern Ireland

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

Brexit Brief Newsletter December 2018.

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.

UK-Ireland relations

22 January: Seanad debate: [**Government's Brexit Preparedness: Statements**](#).

23 January: Dáil questions: [**Brexit issues**](#).

16 January: [**Statement by An Taoiseach on the outcome of the 'Meaningful Vote' in Westminster**](#).

24 January: [**Irish Government publishes next phase of Brexit 'No Deal' legislative planning**](#).

29 January: [**Minister Donohoe outlines initial assessment of economic and fiscal impact of 'no deal' Brexit**](#).

29 January: [**Government Statement on outcome of Westminster votes**](#).

31 January: [**Statement following phone call between An Taoiseach and the British Prime Minister**](#)

Reports published

[Houses of Commons and Lords Libraries](#)

[**European Union \(Withdrawal\) \(No. 2\) Bill 2017-19**](#)

[**Post-Brexit Immigration Policy and Recruitment of Modern Foreign Language Teachers and Public Service Interpreters**](#)

[**VAT : European law on VAT rates**](#)

[**European Union \(Withdrawal\) \(No. 3\) Bill 2017-19**](#)

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