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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 3 July – 10 September 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 work on **Changes to Freedom of Movement after Brexit: the implications for Wales** and **follow-up work on Brexit preparedness**.

The most recent sessions of the EAAL Committee were:

- 8 July: The Committee held a scrutiny session with the First Minister. **Transcript**.
- 15 July: The Committee met in private.

On 8 July the Committee noted letters:

- **from the Chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee regarding their report on rethinking food in Wales - food branding and processing** - 20 June 2019
- **from the Counsel General and Brexit Minister regarding intergovernmental relations and common frameworks** - 3 July 2019
- **from the Counsel General and Brexit Minister to David Lidington MP, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster regarding intergovernmental relations** - 3 July 2019
- **from the First Minister to the Llywydd regarding international relations which bind the UK** - 3 July 2019

On 15 July the Committee noted a letter:

- **from the Chair of the Finance Committee regarding the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2020-21** - 10 July 2019

On 9 July the Committee launched its **consultation into changes to freedom of movement after Brexit - implications for Wales**. The Committee published a report on **UK-wide common policy frameworks - discussion paper** in August 2019. The paper aims to provide an overview of what frameworks are and what Assembly committees might need to consider in terms of scrutiny. The Chair wrote to Metro Mayors and Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) in England, Westminster Select Committees, and counterparts in the devolved administrations in Scotland and Northern Ireland on behalf of the Committee in May, to seek their view of the proposals for a **UK Shared Prosperity Fund** in order to identify any potential areas of mutual interest. The **responses received were published** in August.

The Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee has an inquiry into **Environmental principles and governance post-Brexit**, an inquiry into the **Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Fisheries Bill**, and is considering the Welsh provisions in the **UK Government's Agriculture Bill**. In June the Committee published its **Report on the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Agriculture Bill**, and the **Welsh Government responded on 26 July**.

The Constitutional 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**.

#### Plenary

9 July: **Statement by the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs: Sustainable Farming and our Land**.

10 July: **Questions to the Counsel General and Brexit Minister (in respect of his Brexit Minister responsibilities)**.

16 July: **Statement by the Counsel General and Brexit Minister: Brexit Preparedness**.

17 July: **Statement by the Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee: Brexit Priorities**.

5 September: **Debate: Brexit and Prorogation of the UK Parliament**.

The Research Service's own blogs are published on [In Brief](#). The latest Brexit blog is:

- [New Publication: Brexit and the Prorogation of the UK Parliament](#)
- [The UK Spending Round 2019: What does it mean for Wales?](#)
- [New Publication: Brexit Monitoring Report - Environment July 2019](#)
- [Brexit Timeline](#)
- [Brexit Negotiations Monitoring Report](#)

## Welsh Government

2 July: [Is your business ready for no deal? If not, you're running out of time.](#)

2 July: [Written Statement on extensions of the EU funded Communities for Work and Parents Childcare and Employment programmes.](#)

2 July: [£29 million EU funding to break down employment barriers.](#)

4 July: [Written Statement: Joint Ministerial Committee \(European Union Negotiations\), Manchester, 28 June 2019 - communiqué.](#)

4 July: [Written Statement laid under Standing Order 30C statutory instruments under the EU Withdrawal Act.](#)

4 July: [Written Statement: Inter-Ministerial Group Environment, Food and Rural Affairs meeting, 24 June 2019 - communiqué.](#)

8 July: [Package of support for EU Citizens living in Wales announced.](#)

9 July: [New Welsh Sustainable Farming Scheme will protect and enhance our environment - Lesley Griffiths, and oral statement.](#)

11 July: [Written Statement: Thirty-second Summit meeting of the British-Irish Council held in Manchester, England.](#)

15 July: [Written Statement: Mitigating the impacts of Brexit on Wales' economy: the importance of inter-governmental relationships.](#)

16 July: ["London is in chaos, but Wales needs certainty" - Welsh Government calls for urgent clarity on vital future funding from the UK.](#)

16 July: [Written Statement on the EU Withdrawal Act statutory instruments laid under Standing Order 30C.](#)

16 July: [Oral Statement: Brexit Preparedness. "No deal should not be normalised" - Jeremy Miles.](#)

17 July: [Written Statement: Environmental Principles and Governance Post European Union Exit Consultation.](#)

17 July: [Written Statement: The European Union \(Withdrawal\) Act and Common Frameworks.](#)

18 July: [Written Statement: Update on the Future of Regional Investment in Wales after Brexit.](#)

22 July: [We have to secure a strong future for agriculture so we can celebrate another 100 years of farming at RWS - Lesley Griffiths.](#)

23 July: [A 'no deal' Brexit threatens future of Welsh farming: new PM must rule it out - Welsh Government.](#)

24 July: [Cardiff University secures £1 million EU funding for industrial research centre.](#)

25 July: [First Ministers of Wales and Scotland call on new Prime Minister to rule out no deal Brexit.](#)

26 July: [New EU marine energy project to flow between Wales and Ireland.](#)

29 July: [Written Statement laid under Standing Order 30C statutory instruments under the EU Withdrawal Act.](#)

29 July: [Written Statement laid under Standing Order 30C statutory instruments under the EU Withdrawal Act.](#)

30 July: [Written Statement laid under Standing Order 30C statutory instruments under the EU Withdrawal Act.](#)

31 July: [Written Statement: Consultation on the International Strategy.](#)

1 August: [New European collaborative project launched to help small and medium sized food and drink companies innovate in the healthy food sector.](#)

1 August: [Community work scheme boosted by EU funds.](#)

5 August: **“We will no longer tolerate a ‘get what you’re given’ approach to devolution” - Jeremy Miles.**

7 August: **Almost £2.5 million approved to help Welsh businesses cope with Brexit challenges.**

8 August: **EU funds for new climate change collaboration between Wales and Ireland.**

8 August: **Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C statutory instruments under the EU Withdrawal Act.**

13 August: **Concerns Welsh students will miss out on popular Erasmus + international exchange programme.**

13 August: **We will not gamble with the future of agriculture and will support farmers in these uncertain times – First Minister.**

14 August: **Newtown medical manufacturing firm benefitting from part of £2.5 million approved to help Welsh businesses cope with Brexit challenges.**

15 August: **Finance Minister calls on UK government to lift cloud of financial uncertainty.**

16 August: **Bangor University secures £4.6 million EU funds for research into low carbon energy efficiency.**

16 August: **Written Statement laid under Standing Order 30C statutory instruments under the EU Withdrawal Act.**

21 August: **Written Statement: Prorogation of the United Kingdom Parliament.**

21 August: **£1.5 million EU investment to boost North Wales enterprise unit.**

28 August: **Written Statement: The future of the United Kingdom.**

29 August: **Finance Minister calls for clarity on future funding post-Brexit.**

29 August: **New arrangements needed to deal with the UK’s EU Exit.**

31 August: **Counsel General announces support for Gina Miller’s prorogation legal challenge.**

2 September: **Written Statement: Prorogation of the UK Parliament – legal proceedings.**

4 September: **Written Statement: Welsh Government Response to the Chancellor of the Exchequer’s Spending Round 2019.**

4 September: **“UK government’s Spending Round is a pre-election distraction” says Finance Minister.**

4 September: **Germany is our most important economic partner in Europe, and we can’t let Brexit change that.**

6 September: **£6.6 million EU funding to support Gower College Swansea employability programme.**

## News

1 July: **CLA responds to proposals for a relief programme for farming in case of ‘no deal’ Brexit.**

2 July: **FUW welcomes moves to increase supply chain transparency.**

9 July: **NFU Cymru responds to ‘Sustainable Farming and Our Land’ consultation launch.**

9 July: **FUW to consult extensively with members on Welsh Government Sustainable Farming Scheme plans.**

16 July: **FUW welcomes farm policy reform delay.**

16 July: **Our Future in the Land** report (RSA Food, Farming and Countryside Commission). **TFA Supports Call for a “Systems Approach” for Food, Farming and the Countryside; CLA responds to ‘Our Future in Land’ report.**

16 July: **CLA responds to Michael Gove speech on the environment.**

22 July: **FUW discusses major farming concerns with Secretaries of State.**

22 July: **Welsh Government Must Secure Changes to UK Agriculture Bill to Protect Farm Tenants** (TFA)

23 July: **FUW warns new PM of no-deal Brexit dangers.**

24 July: **TFA sets the agenda for new Prime Minister.**

12 August: **No Deal 'Undesirable' for the Rural Economy But We Must be Prepared, say CLA and TFA.**

13 August: **NFU Cymru calls for UK Government to revisit tariff rates.**

14 August: **Funding support for farm businesses welcomed by FUW.**

14 August: **NFU Cymru welcomes Minister's 'BPS 2019 Support Scheme' announcement.**

28 August: **Voluntary organisations pen letter to Prime Minister against no-deal Brexit** (WCVA)

2 September: **Sheep industry must not be sacrificial lamb FUW warns.**

2 September: **FUW hosts consultation events on Welsh Government Sustainable Farming Scheme plans.**

2 September: **Leaving the EU without a Plan is the Worst of All Scenarios** (TFA)

3 September: **Wales TUC statement - MPs must vote to protect Wales from the disaster of a no deal Brexit.**

4 September: **Withdrawing Article 50 must be an option in Brexit calamity** (FUW)

6 September: **NFU Cymru responds to UK farm funding announcement.**

## EU Developments

### European Council

2 July: **European Council appoints new EU leaders**

2 July: **European Council conclusions, 30 June - 2 July 2019**

2 July: **Remarks by President Donald Tusk after the special meeting of the European Council on 30 June - 2 July 2019.**

4 July: **Report by President Donald Tusk to the European Parliament on the last European Council meetings.**

9 July: **2019 EU budget: Council adopts contingency measures for a no-deal Brexit.**

24 July: **Letter of congratulations from President Donald Tusk to Boris Johnson on his appointment as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.**

26 August: **G7 Leaders' Declaration - Biarritz, France.**

10 September: **Council adopts list of candidates for appointment as Commissioner.**

### 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.

4 July: **Speech by Vice-President Šefčovič on behalf of President Juncker at the Plenary Session of the European Parliament on the Conclusions of the European Council meeting of 20 and 21 June 2019.**

10 July: **Summer 2019 Economic Forecast: Growth clouded by external factors - Summer 2019 Economic Forecast.**

11 July: **EU-U.S. trade talks: milestone reached in mutual recognition on pharmaceuticals.**

16 July: **Opening Statement in the European Parliament Plenary Session by Ursula von der Leyen, Candidate for President of the European Commission.**

25 July: **July infringements package: key decisions.**

5 August: **Spring 2019 Standard Eurobarometer: Europeans upbeat about the state of the European Union – best results in 5 years.**

2 September: **Slides used by Michel Barnier with stakeholders in Poland 29 August 2019.**

4 September: **Brexit ‘no-deal’ preparedness: Final Commission call to all EU citizens and businesses to prepare for the UK’s withdrawal on 31 October 2019.**

4 September: **Finalising preparations for the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union on 1 November 2019.**

10 September: **The von der Leyen Commission: for a Union that strives for more.**

## European Parliament

2 July: **Constitution of the 9th legislature of the European Parliament.**

2 July: **Parliament starts new term with seven political groups**

3 July: **MEPs elect David Sassoli as Parliament President.**

3 July: **The new European Parliament Vice-Presidents.**

4 July: **EP Quaestors elected, Parliament Bureau complete.**

4 July: **MEPs express serious reservations on process to fill top EU posts.**

10 July: **Parliament’s committees elect chairs and vice-chairs.**

12 July: **The 2019 European elections: A pro-European – and young – electorate with clear expectations.**

16 July: **Ursula von der Leyen presents her vision to MEPs.**

16 July: **Romanian Presidency reviewed in plenary.**

16 July: **Parliament elects Ursula von der Leyen as first female Commission President.**

17 July: **Finnish Council Presidency priorities debated in plenary.**

24 July: **Brexit: An orderly exit is in the interests of both parties.**

4 September: **Finnish Presidency outlines priorities to EP committees.**

4 September: **Lagarde recommended for European Central Bank President by Economics and Monetary Affairs Committee.**

10 September: **How Parliament votes the European Commission into office (infographic).**

## News

18 July: **Ireland: Ministers highlight impact of EIB support for sustainable finance, social housing and reducing impact of Brexit** (European Investment Bank)

24 July: **German-British trade is shrinking significantly** - German companies exported goods worth around €35 billion to the United Kingdom from January to May - a decline of 2.3 percent compared to the previous year. Imports from Great Britain fell even more strongly by 6.1 percent to €15 billion (Spiegel online, machine translation)

22 August: **Secret talks on checks at ports to avoid Border chaos after Brexit** (Independent.ie)

28 August: **British Irish Chamber calls for creation of €1bn Brexit Response Fund in Budget 2020.**

5 September: **EU stronger after Brexit - head of Germany’s BDI** – Chief of Europe’s biggest employers’ group backs the backstop and says UK and Ireland will be hardest hit (Independent.ie)

5 September: **Leo Varadkar warns Brexit will haunt UK even after it leaves EU.**

## UK Developments

### UK Government

15 July: **Post-Brexit trade pact with US may take some time, says Liam Fox** (Guardian)

16 July: **Michael Gove asks: If not now, when?** Kew Gardens speech (Wildlife and Countryside Link)

**19 August: Prime Minister's letter to the President of the European Council.**

### House of Commons

2 July: Treasury questions: **Leaving the EU: Scotland; Shared Prosperity Fund.**

3 July: Northern Ireland questions: **Devolved Government: Restoration; Leaving the EU: Talks on Restoring Devolution; Being Part of the UK: Benefits.**

3 July: **Prime Ministers Questions.**

3 July: Prime Minister's statement on the **G20 and Leadership of EU Institutions.**

4 July: Attorney General questions: **Leaving the EU.**

9 July: Justice questions: **Leaving the EU: No Deal.**

9 July: Westminster Hall debate: **Devolved Administrations: Borrowing Powers.**

10 July: Cabinet Office questions: **Strengthening the Union; Devolution; Devolution.**

10 July: **Prime Ministers questions.**

11 July: International Trade Questions: **Free Trade and WTO Reform; Leaving the EU: UK Trade Policy; UK-US Trade and Investment.**

11 July: Debate: **20 Years of Devolution.**

15 July: Home Department Questions: **EU Settlement Scheme.**

16 July: Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy questions: **UK Automotive Sector: No-deal Brexit.**

16 July: Westminster Hall debate: **No Deal: Agriculture Tariffs.**

17 July: **Prime Ministers questions.**

22 July: Westminster Hall debate: **NHS and Future Trade Deals.**

23 July: Health and Social Care questions: **Leaving the EU: Access to Drugs.**

23 July: Westminster Hall debate: **UK Trade and Investment Strategy.**

24 July: Scotland questions: **20 Years of Devolution; Leaving the EU: Effect on the Union; Leaving the EU: No Deal; Further Devolution; Leaving the EU: No Deal.**

24 July: **Prime Ministers questions, and continued.**

25 July: Prime Minister's statement on **Priorities for Government.**

3 September: Foreign and Commonwealth Office questions: **Leaving the EU: Gibraltar; Leaving the EU: Diplomacy.**

3 September: Prime Minister's statement on the **G7 Summit.**

3 September: Statement on **Leaving the EU: Preparations.**

3 September: Emergency debate (Standing Order No. 24) on **European Union (Withdrawal).**

3 September: Adjournment debate on **Sheep Farming: No-deal EU Exit.**

3 September: Westminster Hall debate: **EU Settlement Scheme: Looked-after Children and Care Leavers.**

4 September: Wales questions: **Withdrawal Agreement; Shared Prosperity Fund; Leaving the EU: No Deal; Leaving the EU: No Deal; Strength of the Union; Leaving the EU: Potential Benefits.**

4 September: **Prime Ministers questions, National Security Adviser, and continued.**

4 September: Chancellor of the Exchequer's statement: **Spending Round 2019.**

4 September: **Speaker's Statement.**

4 September: Second Reading of the **European Union (Withdrawal) (No. 6) Bill**, followed by **Committee Stage and Third Reading**.

4 September: Debate on an **Early Parliamentary General Election**.

5 September: Exiting the European Union questions, starting with **Supply of Medicines: No Deal**.

5 September: Urgent question on **Northern Ireland**.

5 September: Debate on the **UK Shared Prosperity Fund**.

9 September: Education questions: **Leaving the EU: Tertiary Education; Leaving the EU: Higher Education**.

9 September: **Speaker's Statement**.

9 September: Emergency debate (Standing Order No. 24) **Prorogation (Disclosure of Communications)**.

9 September: Emergency debate (Standing Order No. 24) **European Union (Withdrawal) (No. 2) Act 2019 (Rule of Law)**.

9 September: Debate on **Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019 Section 3(2)**.

9 September: Debate on **Early Parliamentary General Election (No. 2)**.

9 September: **Prorogation** until 14 October.

9 September: Westminster Hall debate: **Prorogation of Parliament** (e-petitions)

## Committees

### Environment, Food and Rural Affairs:

4 July: The work of Defra inquiry – written evidence from Michael Gove on **rural broadband and state aid**.

17 July: **MPs examine development of the new farming programme. Transcript**.

23 July: **Letter from the Secretary of State on Fisheries after the UK has left the EU**.

4 September: **Theresa Villiers gives evidence on Defra's preparedness for Brexit**.

9 September: **Brand Britain: Promoting and Marketing British food and drink: Government Response to the Committee's Fifteenth Report**.

### European Scrutiny:

2 July: **European Scrutiny Committee launches inquiry examining post-Brexit scrutiny of EU law and policy**.

2 July: **69th Report - Documents considered by the Committee on 26 June 2019**.

9 July: **70th Report - Documents considered by the Committee on 3 July 2019**.

16 July: **71st Report - Documents considered by the Committee on 10 July 2019**.

17 July: Evidence Session on Post-Brexit Scrutiny of EU Law and Policy. **Transcript**.

23 July: **72nd Report - Documents considered by the Committee on 17 July 2019**.

23 July: 3rd Special Report: The draft EU/UK Withdrawal Agreement: Key Legal and Political Questions: **Government Response to the Committee's Fifty-eighth Report**.

4 September: **Committee hears from legal experts in inquiry examining post-Brexit scrutiny of EU law and policy. Transcript**.

9 September: **73rd Report: Documents considered by the Committee on 4 September 2019**.

### European Statutory Instruments:

3 July: **Instruments to be considered on 16 July**.

27 August: **Instruments to be considered on 9 September**.

### Exiting the EU:

3 July: **Committee hears from UK and EU citizens ahead of October deadline. Transcript**. Written evidence from: **Seraphus; BioIndustry Association; Automated Customs & International Trade Association (ACITA); IE Legal Clinic; British in Europe; the3million**.

10 July: **Committee questions David Lidington and Sir Keir Starmer on cross-party talks. Transcript.**

17 July: **Committee questions Secretary of State on no-deal preparations ahead of October deadline. Transcript.** Written evidence from the **Royal Institute of British Architects.**

19 July: **A ‘No deal’ Brexit would be the most economically damaging outcome for UK business** – Report: **The consequences of “No Deal” for UK business.**

23-24 July: **Committee consider citizens’ assemblies and a further referendum ahead of new Prime Minister’s arrival. 23 July transcript. 24 July transcript.**

19 August: **Chair writes to Michael Gove on no-deal impact and preparations following Operation Yellowhammer report leak – text of letter.**

4-5 September: **Committee consider impact of no-deal on the border, and will also question Michael Gove on Government preparations. Border transcript. Michael Gove transcript.**

#### Foreign Affairs:

9 July: **Impact of irregular migration on UK examined. Transcript.** Written evidence from **Saferworld; Amnesty International UK; UNHCR.**

16 July: **FCO response to the UK’s vote to leave the EU examined with Sir Ivan Rogers. Transcript.**

#### Home Affairs:

22 July: **Committee takes evidence from the Home Secretary, Sajid Javid. Transcript.**

23 July: **Government Response to the EU Settlement Scheme.**

2 August: **Home Office preparations for Brexit inquiry launched.**

4 September: **Home Office preparations for Brexit examined. Transcript.**

#### International Trade:

3 July: **Secretary of State updates Committee on ‘roll-over’ of EU Free Trade Agreements. Transcript.**

4 July: Written evidence for the UK investment policy inquiry: **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; Honda.**

4 July: Written evidence for the UK trade in services inquiry: **Lloyd’s.**

17 July: **Minister questioned on Government’s stance on trade in services. Transcript.** Written evidence from the **NHS Confederation; ACP Secretariat.**

19 July: **Letter from the Secretary of State on tariff rate quotas in the UK-Chile agreement.**

22 July: **Letter from the Secretary of State on no deal preparations for exit from European Union.**

24 July: **Committee asks how an October ‘no-deal’ Brexit would affect trade with non-EU countries. Transcript.**

30 July: **MPs “alarmed” at UK Government’s lack of post-Brexit International Investment Agreements policy** – Report: **UK investment policy.**

1 August: **Chair calls on Secretary of State to urgently update ‘no-deal’ Brexit guidance – Letter to Elizabeth Truss.**

8 August: **Committee launches inquiry examining UK-China trade.**

12 August: **Chair calls on Government to outline true potential impact of no-deal Brexit tariffs – text of letter.**

14 August: **Inquiry into relationship between international trade and the environment launched.**

21 August: **Letter from the Secretary of State for International Trade, regarding guidance to UK businesses on trade with third countries following a No Deal Brexit.**

21 August: **Letter to the Minister of State at the Department for International Trade, regarding UK trade in services.**

3 September: **Secretary of State refuses to appear before Committee ahead of prorogation.**

4 September: **International Trade Committee examines Government’s plan to introduce free ports.**

9 September: **Government agrees to inform Parliament on potential impact of no-deal Brexit tariffs – letter from Liz Truss.**

#### Liaison:

1 July: **Letter to the Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP, regarding attendance at Liaison Committee hearing, and reply on 15 July.**

9 September: **The Committee has written to the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP, requesting the meeting scheduled for Wednesday 11 September should proceed. Text of letter.**

#### Public Accounts:

10 July: New report: **Brexit and the UK border: out-of-court settlement with Eurotunnel.**

10-15 July: **Letter from Home Office regarding Brexit consultancy contracts. Letter to the Cabinet Office. Letter from the Cabinet Office.**

26 July: **Greater transparency needed for calculating funding for devolved administrations – 111<sup>th</sup> Report: Funding for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.**

#### Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs:

23 July: **PACAC questions Electoral Commission on need for electoral law reform as new PM prepares for office.**

#### Scottish Affairs:

2 July: **Letter from the Chief Executive of Concordia to the Chair, regarding seasonal agricultural workers.**

3 July: **Scotland, Trade and Brexit: Government Response** to the Committee's Seventh Report.

10 July: Evidence Session on the work of the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland. **Transcript.**

10 July: **UK Government considers wide-ranging devolution reform**, following Committee report - **The relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments: Government Response** to the Committee's Eighth Report.

31 July: **Post-Brexit agricultural funding must meet the needs of Scottish farming – Report: The future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit.**

#### Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee:

18 July: **57th Report of Session 2017-19.**

25 July: **58th Report of Session 2017-19:** Draft Freedom of Establishment and Free Movement of Services (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

#### Transport:

17 July: **Committee question Secretary of State on policy and performance. Transcript.**

#### Treasury:

17 July: **Committee requests updated economic analysis of Brexit – Letter to Treasury; Letter to Bank of England.**

4 September: **Committee publishes Bank of England's updated economic analysis of Brexit. Letter from Bank of England Governor.**

9 September: **Office for Budget Responsibility questioned on Spending Round 2019.**

#### Welsh Affairs:

8 July: **Committee questions Ford on closure of Ford Bridgend plant. Transcript.**

#### Work and Pensions:

8 August: **Letter from the Chair of the Work and Pensions Committee to the Prime Minister, regarding Government preparations in the event of an economic shock.**

#### House of Lords

1 July: Question on the **EU: Law-making Process.**

2 July: Question on **Brexit: Other Policy Areas.**

2 July: Short Debate in Grand Committee: **European Union–Western Balkans Summit.**

3 July: Motion: **Appointment of a 'No-deal Brexit' Joint Committee.**

4 July: Motion: **NHS: Future UK Trade Deals.**

16 July: Question on **European Union Settlement Scheme.**

16 July: Debate on the European Union Committee Report **Brexit: European Investment Bank.**

19 July: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the **EEA Nationals (Indefinite Leave to Remain) Bill.**

24 July: Debate on **Council of Europe: House of Lords Members' Contribution.**

3 September: Questions on **Queen's Speech; Prorogation Recall.**

3 September: Statement on the **G7.**

3 September: Statement: **No-deal Update.**

4 September: Question on **Brexit: Food Standards.**

5 September: Question on **Brexit: Medicine Supply and NHS Staffing.**

5 September: Second Reading of the **European Union (Withdrawal) (No. 6) Bill.**

6 September: European Union (Withdrawal) (No. 6) Bill: **Committee Stage; Report Stage; Third Reading.**

9 September: **Prorogation: Her Majesty's Speech.**

## Committees

### Constitution:

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8 July: **Improvements needed to law-making process says Committee** – Report: **The Legislative Process: The Passage of Bills Through Parliament.**

9 July: **Government responds to Committee's Parliamentary Scrutiny of Treaties report** – **Government response.**

10 July: **Committee regrets decision to fast-track Northern Ireland Bill** – Report: **Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill.**

25 July: **Fixed-term Parliaments Act 2011 - Constitution Committee launches call for evidence.**

4 September: **Experts discuss the effectiveness of the Fixed-term Parliaments Act 2011.**

6-9 September: Written evidence from: **Sir Malcolm Jack; Professor Robert Hazell; Professor Vernon Bognador.**

### Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform:

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16 July: **59th Report of Session 2017-19 - Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill.**

4 September: **61st Report of Session 2017-19 - European Union (Withdrawal) (No. 6) Bill.**

### EU Select:

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3 July: **European Union Committee appoints new sub-committee members.**

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