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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 6 – 27 November 2018, although reference is made to later events where information is available at time of final drafting.

The most significant development has been that on 4 December the Assembly voted to “**Reject the Withdrawal Agreement and the Political Declaration on the future relationship between the UK and EU agreed by the European Council and the UK Government**”. The UK Parliament is also currently debating the Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration and will vote on 11 December.

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:

- 5 November: The committee held a general Brexit scrutiny session with the First Minister. **Transcript**.
- 12 November: Private seminar on trade.
- 19 November: After noting papers the Committee moved to private session. **Transcript**.
- 26 November: The Committee held a general Brexit scrutiny session with the Cabinet Secretary for Finance. **Transcript**

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**.

26 November: The Committee published its report: **Preparing for Brexit - Follow-up report on the preparedness of Welsh ports**.

29 November: The Committee published its report: **Withdrawal Agreement: implications for Wales**

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?'**

On 19 November EAAL considered correspondence from:

- **David Rowlands, Chair of the Petitions Committee regarding Petition P-05-840 Fair Funding for Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and all other Local Authorities**.
- **Robin Walker MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Exiting the EU regarding the additional information requested following 11 October EAAL Committee appearance**.
- **The British Veterinary Association: No Deal Brexit and the Veterinary Profession**.
- **Jim Harra, Deputy Chief Executive and Second Permanent Secretary, HMRC regarding clarification on custom checks when landed in a destination state**.
- **The First Minister of Wales regarding the Withdrawal Agreement Assembly vote**.

On 26 November EAAL considered correspondence from:

- **Wales Environment Link to the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning & Rural Affairs regarding the UK Fisheries Bill**.

Other

7 November: Plenary debate - **Equalities and Brexit–Joint findings by the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee and the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee**.

14 November: **Plenary debate on the Finance Committee report on its Inquiry into Preparations for Replacing EU Funding for Wales**.

20 November: Plenary Statement by the First Minister: **Draft Agreement on the Withdrawal of the UK from the EU**.

20 November: Plenary Debate: [**The Law Derived from the European Union \(Wales\) Act 2018 \(Repeal\) Regulations 2018.**](#)

The Research Service's own blogs are published on [**In Brief.**](#) The latest Brexit blogs are: [**The UK Fisheries Bill and Wales; Selling Wales to the World; World Trade Organisation agreements and devolution: a case study analysis; New Publication: Brexit Monitoring Report – Environment; Brexit Negotiations Monitoring Report; Meaningful or symbolic? Voting on Brexit in Westminster and the Assembly; Immigration after Brexit; Immigration after Brexit; Why is the Assembly debating the repeal of the Welsh Continuity Act?; Brexit Bills, Bills, Bills – a legislation update; Assembly to debate Finance Committee report on replacing EU funding 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 was 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 drafting a report on the [**Impact of Brexit on Higher and Further Education.**](#)

The Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee is drafting a report on its [**short inquiry into the implications of Brexit in areas within its remit**](#)

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

6 November: Written Statement: [**Written statements laid under Standing Order 30C**](#)

9 November: [**£14.7m EU funding to boost work schemes in the South Wales Valleys.**](#)

9 November: [**Written Statement laid under Standing Order 30C.**](#)

10 November: [**Wales looks for further Medica and ADIPEC success as Brexit looms**](#) - The Welsh Government will lead trade delegations to two of the world's biggest trade shows this week, as Wales looks to ensure businesses are as ready as possible for Brexit.

12 November: [**Wales secures €100m of competitive EU research and innovation funding.**](#)

13 November: [**Joint Ministerial Committee \(EU Negotiations\) communiqué: 13 November 2018.**](#) The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Mark Drakeford AM, attended.

13 November: Written Statement - [**Statement On Law Derived from the European Union \(Wales\) Act 2018 \(Repeal\) Regulations 2018.**](#)

13 November: Written Statement: [**The European Union \(Withdrawal\) Act and Common Frameworks.**](#)

13 November: [**Written Statement laid under Standing Order 30C.**](#)

13 November: [**Rebecca Evans meets key European Parliament Brexit group in Strasbourg.**](#)

14 November: [**Written Statement - Visit to Strasbourg, 13 November 2018.**](#)

15 November: Written Statement by Carwyn Jones - [**Thirty-first Summit meeting of the British-Irish Council held in the Isle of Man.**](#)

16 November: [**Written Statement laid under Standing Order 30C.**](#)

16 November: [**Written Statement laid under Standing Order 30C.**](#)

19 November: [**Joint Ministerial Committee \(EU Negotiations\) communiqué.**](#) The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Mark Drakeford AM, attended.

20 November: **Oral Statement: Draft Agreement on the Withdrawal of the UK from the EU.**

21 November: **Children and Young people in Wales: “We’re frustrated and concerned about our futures after Brexit”.**

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

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

22 November: **£9.4m to help people with health problems stay in work.**

23 November: **Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C.**

23 November: **£1m made available to Welsh SMEs to help navigate Brexit.**

26 November: **Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C.**

27 November: **Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C.**

27 November: Written statement by Carwyn Jones: **Assessment of the Withdrawal Agreement and the UK’s proposed future relationship with the EU.**

28 November: **Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C.**

News

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

14 November: **FUW statement in response to Cabinet support for draft EU withdrawal agreement.**

15 November: **NFU Cymru gives cautious welcome to Brexit agreement reached by UK and EU.**

19 November: **Brexit and Our Land consultation response summary** (NFU Cymru)

19 November: **NFU Cymru engages with Welsh MPs over Brexit deal.**

20 November: **Joint UK farming unions statement on Brexit** (NFU Cymru)

26 November: **NFU Cymru warns of ‘nightmare’ no-deal Brexit.**

27 November: **FUW President raises Brexit deal concerns with Theresa May.**

27 November: **NFU Cymru team meet with Prime Minister at Royal Welsh Winter Fair.**

27 November: **CLA backs EFRA Committee recommendations on Agriculture Bill.**

EU Developments

European Council

10 November: **Speech by President Donald Tusk: “November 11, 2018: Poland and Europe. Two Anniversaries, Two Lessons”.**

14 November: **Ship inspections: preparing for Brexit.**

15 November: **Remarks by President Donald Tusk after his meeting with Brexit EU Chief negotiator Michel Barnier.**

19 November: **EU budget for 2019: Conciliation ends without agreement**

20 November: **Conclusions of the 50th meeting of the EEA Council.**

22 November: **Draft Political Declaration setting out the Framework for the Future Relationship between the EU and the UK.**

22 November: **EU moves to bolster free movement of goods through extended mutual recognition.**

23 November: **EU moves to keep unsafe products off the market: Council agrees position on enhanced enforcement and compliance rules.**

24 November: **Invitation letter by President Donald Tusk to the members of the European Council (Art. 50) ahead of their special meeting on 25 November 2018.**

25 November: **European Council (Art. 50) conclusions. Remarks by President Donald Tusk after the special meeting of the European Council (Art. 50).**

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.

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

8 November: **November infringements package: key decisions.** UK mentions:

Free movement of workers: Commission questions different treatment between EU workers as regards access to housing benefits in the United Kingdom

Common market organisation: Commission urges the United Kingdom to establish a functioning management system of producer organisations (fishery and aquaculture)

A letter of formal notice was also sent to the UK concerning the Isle of Man’s abusive VAT practices with regard to supplies and leasing of aircraft - **Paradise Papers: Commission follows up on illegal tax breaks for yachts and aircraft**

13 November: **Brexit preparedness: European Commission proposes visa-free travel to the EU for UK nationals in a no deal scenario – if the UK also grants reciprocal visa-free travel to all EU citizens.**

13 November: **Brexit preparedness: European Commission proposes to make technical amendment to EU energy efficiency legislation to take account of UK’s withdrawal.**

13 November: **Brexit: European Commission intensifies preparedness work and outlines contingency action plan in the event of a no deal scenario with the UK.**

13 November: **Notice on travelling between the EU and the United Kingdom following withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU.**

14 November: **Statement by Michel Barnier. Brexit Negotiations: What is in the Withdrawal Agreement? Protocol on Ireland and Northern Ireland.**

14 November: **European Commission recommends to the European Council (Article 50) to find that decisive progress has been made in Brexit negotiations.**

14 November: **Joint report from the EU and UK negotiators on the state of play of the negotiations under article 50 TEU on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the EU and the European Atomic Energy Community.**

14 November: **Draft Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, as agreed at negotiators’ level on 14 November 2018.**

14 November: **Outline of the political declaration setting out the framework for the future relationship between the European Union and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as agreed at negotiators' level on 14 November 2018.**

19 November: **Press statement by Michel Barnier following the General Affairs Council (Article 50).**

22 November: **Political declaration setting out the framework for the future relationship between the European Union and the United Kingdom.**

24 November: **Draft agreement on the withdrawal of the UK from the EU as agreed at negotiators' level on 14 November 2018, including text of Article 132.**

26 November: **Questions and Answers - the rights of EU and UK citizens, as outlined in the Withdrawal Agreement.**

27 November: **New report provides further evidence of link between trade and jobs.** In 2017 UK exports to the rest of the world supported 4.2 million jobs.

27 November: **Brexit preparedness: provisional agreement reached on amending EU rules in the area of type-approvals for vehicles.**

European Parliament

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

12-15 November: **Plenary in Strasbourg:** Interim report on the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 – Parliament's position with a view to an agreement; Debate with the Chancellor of Germany, Angela Merkel, on the Future of Europe; Address by Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa.

13 November: **Merkel: Nationalism and egoism must never have a chance again in Europe.**

14 November: **Guy Verhofstadt: EP Brexit steering group welcomes the positive progress made in the negotiations.**

15 November: **President Tajani on Brexit agreement.**

21 November: **EU-Japan relations: Foreign Affairs MEPs back Strategic**

Partnership Agreement.

28-29 November: **Plenary session in Brussels:** Debate with the Prime Minister of Denmark, Lars Løkke Rasmussen, on the Future of Europe; Commission statement - Single Market package.

News

26 November: **Brexit: the application for annulment of the decision authorising the opening of Brexit negotiations, brought by thirteen British citizens who live in EU Member States other than the UK, is inadmissible.** (Court of Justice of the European Union)

UK Developments

UK Government

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.

13 November: [Joint Ministerial Committee \(EU Negotiations\) communiqué: 13 November 2018](#). The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Mark Drakeford AM, attended.

14 November: [Withdrawal Agreement explainer](#) and [Technical Explanatory note on Articles 6-8 on the Northern Ireland Protocol](#).

14 November: Press statement - [Progress on the UK's exit from, and future relationship with, the European Union](#).

15 November: Update: [Partnership pack: preparing for changes at the UK border after a 'no deal' EU exit](#).

15 November: [Prime Minister Theresa May met with the Chief Minister of Gibraltar, Fabian Picardo, to discuss Brexit](#).

16 November update: [UK nationals in the EU: essential information](#).

19 November: [Joint Ministerial Committee \(EU Negotiations\) communiqué](#). The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Mark Drakeford AM, attended.

20 November: [Prime Minister Theresa May had a meeting with First Minister of Scotland Nicola Sturgeon](#).

21 November: [Prime Minister Theresa May had a meeting with First Minister of Wales Carwyn Jones](#).

21 November: [Prime Minister Theresa May calls Prime Minister Sanchez of Spain](#).

22 November: [Prime Minister Theresa May had a meeting with Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz](#).

22 November: [Northern Ireland organisations meet PM to discuss Brexit deal](#).

22 November: [Draft Political Declaration setting out the framework for the future relationship between the United Kingdom and the European Union](#).

22 November: [Progress on the UK's exit from, and future relationship with, the European Union](#).

24 November: [Negotiations on the future relationship: territorial scope - Letter from the UK's Permanent Representative to the EU to the Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union on the territorial scope of the UK's future agreements with the EU, and statement from Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar](#).

25 November: [Withdrawal Agreement](#) and [Political Declaration](#) on the future relationship between the UK and the EU as endorsed by leaders at a special meeting of the European Council.

25 November: Letters from the UK's Permanent Representative to the EU to the [Secretary General of the Council](#) and the [Secretary General of the Commission](#) on UK sovereignty over Gibraltar.

25 November: [Prime Minister Theresa May made a statement at EU Council](#).

26 November: [UK agrees new customs arrangements with the Crown Dependencies](#).

26 November: [Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration laid before Parliament following political agreement](#).

26 November: **Wightman and Others v Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union** - application for permission to appeal to the Supreme Court. **Application for permission to appeal to the Supreme Court** and a summary of the Case of the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union. **Grounds of Appeal**.

26 November: **The European Institutions and Consular Protection (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018**.

26 November: **Prime Minister Theresa May hosted a business briefing in Downing Street**.

27 November: **PM promises deal to strengthen the Union** - Prime Minister Theresa May heads to Wales and Northern Ireland for meetings with producers, employers and political leaders, after agreement reached in Brussels.

28 November: **PM promises deal which works for Scotland**

28 November: **EU Exit: Long-term Economic Analysis**

28 November: **EU Exit: Taking back control of our borders, money, and laws while protecting our economy, security and Union**

House of Commons

13 November: Justice questions: **Leaving the EU: Justice System**.

13 November: Debate on **EU Withdrawal Agreement: Legal Advice**.

14 November: **Prime Minister's questions**.

14 November: Second Reading of the **Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill**.

15 November: International Trade questions: **Creative industries; Food and Agricultural Standards; Automotive Industry; Food and Agricultural Standards**.

15 November: Prime Minister's statement, and debate, on **EU Exit Negotiations**.

19 November: Westminster Hall debate on **Leaving the European Union**.

20 November: Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy questions: **Leaving the EU: Manufacturing Jobs**.

21 November: **Prime Minister's questions**.

21 November: Second Reading of the **Fisheries Bill**.

21 November: Westminster Hall debate: **Leaving the EU: Legal Services**.

22 November: Transport question on **Leaving the EU: Aviation Sector**.

22 November: Prime Minister's Statement and debate on **Progress on EU Negotiations**.

26 November: Defence question on **UK-EU Defence Relationship**.

26 November Prime Minister's Statement and debate on **Leaving the EU**.

27 November: Westminster Hall debate: **EU Settled Status Scheme**

28 November: **Prime Minister's Questions**

28 November: Urgent Question: **Leaving the EU: Economic Analysis**

Committees

Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy:

26 November: Brexit: **Committee holds evidence hearings on food and drink, aerospace, and pharma sectors**.

27 November: **Business reaction to EU withdrawal agreement: food and drink**.

28 November: Two Evidence Sessions on Leaving the EU: implications for UK business - **Aerospace** and **Pharmaceuticals**.

4 December: Evidence Sessions on Leaving the EU: implications for UK business - Automotive.

Defence:

21 November: Evidence Session on European Defence Industrial Development Programme (EDIDP). **Transcript**.

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs:

31 October: **Correspondence from George Eustice on introduction of the Fisheries Bill.**

7 November: **Correspondence from Michael Gove on Defra secondary legislation programme.**

14 November: Brand Britain: Promoting and Marketing British food and drink inquiry: **Written evidence from the Welsh Government.**

14-21 November: Agriculture Bill inquiry: Written evidence from **Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs; Tenant Farmers Association; Groceries Code Adjudicator; Scottish Government.**

21 November: Evidence Session on Is Defra ready for Brexit?.

27 November: **Scrutiny of the Agriculture Bill report published** – Report: **Scrutiny of the Agriculture Bill.**

28 November: **Evidence Session on Is Defra ready for Brexit? With Michael Gove.**

28 November: **Evidence Session: Work of the Chief Veterinary Officer.**

Environmental Audit:

8 November: **Chair condemns raid on Natural England staff to work on Brexit.** 26 October **Letter from the Secretary of State.**

22 November: **Brexit presents challenges and opportunities to tackle nitrate pollution** – Report: **UK Progress on Reducing Nitrate Pollution**

European Scrutiny:

14 November: **Seasonal time changes: Commons issues Reasoned Opinion following Committee recommendation.**

21 November: **Evidence Session on European Defence Industrial Development Programme (EDIDP).**

Exiting the EU:

6 November: Correspondence from HMRC regarding **planning and engagement work that has been undertaken involving the Port of Holyhead.**

14 November: **Committee examine proposals for future UK-EU security relationship. Transcript.**

21 November: **Draft EU Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration examined. Transcript.**

27 November: Evidence Session on the progress of the UK's negotiations on EU withdrawal.

28 November: Evidence Session on the progress of the UK's negotiations on EU withdrawal.

3 December: Evidence Session on the progress of the UK's negotiations on EU withdrawal with Stephen Barclay MP, Secretary of State, Department for Exiting the European Union

Health and Social Services:

21 November: **Correspondence to the Secretary of State regarding the impact of a no-deal Brexit on the provision of medical supplies.**

27 November: **Impact of Brexit withdrawal agreement on health and social care examined**, Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State for Health and Social Services, one of the witnesses.

Home Affairs:

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

13 November: **Senior officials questioned on the work of the Home Office.**

14 November: **Minister for Policing questioned on Home Office preparations for Brexit. Transcript. National Crime Agency supplementary written evidence.**

23 November: **Letter to the Policing Minister regarding Government preparations for Brexit: policing and security cooperation.**

27 November: **Sajid Javid MP questioned on the work of the Home Office.**

Human Rights:

21 November: **Drafting of Human Rights act 1998 (Remedial) Order 2018 should be reconsidered** – Report: **Proposal for a draft Human Rights Act 1998 (Remedial) Order 2019.**

International Trade:

13 November: **Committee examines the impact of future UK-EU trading arrangements**, with the UK's ambassador to the WTO. **Transcript.**

14 November: **Devolved administration and local government input into new trade deals examined.**

21 November: **Parliament's role in scrutinising trade policy and negotiations examined.**

23 November: **UK trade in services inquiry launched.**

28 November: **Evidence Session on the impact of UK- EU arrangements on wider UK trade policy.**

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

29 November: **Government must harness the potential of deeper trade ties to tackle development challenges** – Report: **Trade and the Commonwealth: developing countries**

Liaison:

29 November: **Prime Minister questioned on Brexit by Liaison Committee.**

Northern Ireland Affairs:

13 November: **Proposed technical solutions to Northern Ireland border examined Transcript.**

14 November: Oral evidence: The land border between Northern Ireland and Ireland: Follow-up. **Transcript.**

21 November: **Karen Bradley questioned on restoration of Executive and Brexit. Transcript.**

Procedure:

14 November: **Motions under section 13(1) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 inquiry** – written submissions - **Scottish National Party Westminster Group; Hilary Benn MP; Rhodri Thompson QC; Sir David Natzler KCB, Clerk of the House of Commons; Professor Gavin Phillipson.**

16 November: **Committee sets out 'meaningful vote' options for House of Commons** – Report: **Motions under section 13(1) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 - Eighth Report of Session 2017-19.**

Public Accounts:

5 November: Brexit and the UK border: progress review. **Transcript.** Written evidence from the **Rail Delivery Group**; the **Prospect** union, and the **Freight Transport Association.**

13 November: **Letter from DIT regarding Exiting the European Union.**

28 November: **Major disruption at ports is 'real prospect' in no-deal Brexit** – Report: **Department for Transport's implementation of Brexit**

Scottish Affairs:

7 November: **Correspondence from Fergus Ewing MSP about continued farm support payments.**

8 November: **Correspondence from Fergus Ewing MSP regarding WTO.**

14 November: **Ministers probed over Scotland's role in future UK trade talks. Transcript.**

20 November: Evidence session on **intergovernmental relations between Scotland and the UK. Transcript.** Written evidence from **Professor Jim Gallagher.**

Treasury:

26 November: **Committee to take evidence on the economic impact of the Withdrawal Agreement.**

28 November: **Treasury Committee publishes Bank of England analysis of the Withdrawal Agreement**

Welsh Affairs:

12 November: **Impact of Brexit on Welsh freight and haulage industries examined. Transcript.**

12 November: **Correspondence from George Eustice regarding red meat levy funds.**

House of Lords

12 November: Question on **Brexit: Government Position.**

13 November: Question on **Brexit: Welsh Economy.**

14 November: Question on **Development Co-operation: European Union.**

14 November: Question on **Brexit: Proposed Agreement.**

15 November: Statement and debate: **Brexit: Negotiations.**

20 November: Question on **Brexit: Food Security.**

20 November: Debate on **Brexit: Negotiations**

21 November: Question on **Brexit: Economic Effects.**

21 November: Motion in Grand Committee: **Operation of Air Services (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.** The Motion was negatived. The motions on **Textile Products (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018** and **Timeshare, Holiday Products, Resale and Exchange Contracts (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018** were agreed.

22 November: Statement and debate on **Brexit: Negotiations.**

26 November: Statement and debate on **Leaving the European Union.**

Committees

Constitution:

20 November: **Increased use of delegated powers concerning, Committee warns** – Report: **The Legislative Process: The Delegation of Powers.**

21 November: **Experts discuss Parliament’s role in treaty scrutiny.**

28 November: Evidence Session on Parliamentary scrutiny of treaties, House of Lords Appointments Commission, with Jude Kirton-Darling MEP.

29 November Evidence Session on Parliament’s role in relation to the terms of Brexit.

Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform:

15 November: 39th Report of Session 2017-19 - **Fisheries Bill; Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill.**

EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee:

7 November: **Brexit: chemical regulation report published** – Report: **Brexit: chemical regulation.**

12 November: **Letter from Claire Perry MP on BEIS’ no-deal preparations.**

14 November: **Letter to Claire Perry MP on BEIS’ no-deal preparations.**

15 November: **EU landing obligation inquiry launched.**

28 November: **Industry representatives and researchers give evidence on EU fisheries regulations.**

5 December: Evidence Session on Implementation and enforcement of the EU landing obligation.

EU External Affairs Sub-Committee:

15 November: **Second roundtable on International Development Cooperation after Brexit.**

EU Financial Affairs Sub-Committee:

14 November: **Experts from the British Business Bank and KfW give evidence** on the European Investment Bank and the European Investment Fund.

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

EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee:

6 November: **Erasmus and Horizon after Brexit** – call for evidence launched.

EU Internal Market Sub-Committee:

1 November: **What will Brexit mean for road transport?** Road Haulage Association; Euro2Go; Freight Transport Association; Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders **transcript**. Translink, Confederation of Passenger Transport **transcript**.

14 November: **Chris Grayling questioned on post-Brexit transport arrangements**.

EU Justice Sub-Committee:

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

13 November: **Minister and Intellectual Property Director questioned on Brexit impact**. Written evidence: **Daniel Alexander QC; Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys**.

Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (Sub-Committee A):

7 November: **4th Report of Session 2017-19**.

14 November: **5th Report of Session 2017-19**.

21 November: **6th Report of Session 2017-19**.

Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (Sub-Committee B):

8 November: **4th Report of Session 2017-19**.

15 November: **5th Report of Session 2017-19**.

22 November: **6th Report of Session 2017-19**.

News

17 October: This report updates members on **the work that the LGA is undertaking to address the opportunities and risks of Brexit for councils** (Local Government Association)

30 October: **Signed Written Observations of the Petitioners** in the Wightman v DExEU case.

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 ... but the lack of clarity on permits for British operators must be addressed to keep trade flowing freely to ROI (Freight Transport Association)

8 November: **British government cannot stop Brexit case going to ECJ, Scottish court says** (Reuters). **Opinion of Lord Carloway, the Lord President in the reclaiming motion by Andy Wightman MSP and others against Secretary Of State for Exiting the European Union** (Court of Session)

8 November: **RHA astonished by ex-Brexit secretary’s suggestions**.

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