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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 29 January – 26 February 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:

- 4 February: The Committee had a scrutiny session with Jeremy Miles, Counsel General and Brexit Minister. [Transcript](#).
- 11 February: The Committee had a seminar session with academics on International agreements. [Transcript](#).
- 18 February: The Committee visited Brussels, to further explore Wales' future relationships post Brexit.

On 4 February EAAL noted:

- [Correspondence from the First Minister of Wales, to the Llywydd regarding legislating to Brexit - 11 January 2019](#).
- [Correspondence from Ken Skates, Minister for Economy and Transport regarding clarification of the response to the report on ports preparedness - 25 January 2019](#).
- [Correspondence from Steve Barclay MP, Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union to Lord Boswell, Chair of the EU Select Committee regarding an update on international trade agreements - 25 January 2019](#).
- [Correspondence from Lord Boswell, Chair of the EU Select Committee regarding Post-Brexit UK-EU inter-institutional relations and the role of the devolved institutions - 25 January 2019](#).

- [Correspondence from Stephen Kinnock MP, Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Post-Brexit Funding for Nations, Regions and Local Areas regarding their report on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund - 28 January 2019](#).

21 February: The Committee published its report: [Wales' future relationship with Europe and the world](#).

Plenary

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](#).

13 February: [Plenary Questions to the Counsel General and Brexit Minister](#) (in respect of his Brexit Minister responsibilities).

19 February: [Plenary Statement by the First Minister: Latest developments in the UK Government's Brexit Negotiations](#).

20 February: [Plenary Debate on the 'Wales' future relationship with the Committee of the Regions' Report](#).

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

- [New Publication: How changes in the rural economy post-Brexit might impact upon healthcare/ health inequalities in rural Wales](#)
- [Preparing the law for Brexit](#)
- [Brexit Monitoring Report – Environment January 2019](#)
- [Brexit Negotiations Monitoring Report](#)
- [New publication: UK Fisheries Bill 2017-19: Bill Summary](#);

On 4 January the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee published its [Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum in relation to the UK Agriculture Bill](#), and is currently considering the Welsh provisions in the [UK Government's Agriculture Bill](#). On 12 February the Committee published its [Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum in relation to the UK Fisheries Bill](#).

On 1 February **the Welsh Government responded** to the Children, Young People and Education Committee's report 'Degrees of Separation? The Impact of Brexit on Higher and Further Education'. A plenary debate is scheduled for 20 March.

The Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee published its report **Brexit, the arts sector, creative industries, heritage and the Welsh language** on 3 December. The **Government response** was published on 29 January.

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**. Also in January the Committee published its report on the **Inter-Institutional relations agreement between the National Assembly for Wales and the Welsh Government**. In February the Committee published its report **The Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Fisheries Bill**. Also in February the Committee published its report **Scrutiny of regulations under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018: Progress report**, and the Committee **wrote to the First Minister** regarding the scrutiny of Brexit-related legislation.

The Health, Social Care and Sport Committee published its report on the **Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill** on 22 January.

Welsh Government

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

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

31 January: The seventh meeting of the Ministerial Forum (EU Negotiations) was held in Cardiff. **Ministerial Forum communiqué**. The Counsel General and Brexit Minister, Jeremy Miles AM, attended.

31 January: **Developing a new international strategy for Wales** - The Minister for International Relations and Welsh Language will this evening encourage the people of Wales to engage and help in the development of a new strategy on international relations at this key time of economic and political instability.

1 February: **Veterinary surgeons receive training to provide Export Health Certificates post-Brexit** - Welsh Government funding is helping our food and farming sector to prepare for Brexit by supporting the training of veterinary surgeons required for them to certify produce of animal origin exported from Wales to the EU, in the event of a "no deal Brexit".

4 February: **Expanding horizons on Ynys Môn** - A new scheme aimed at helping people overcome barriers to work on Anglesey, made possible by EU funding, has been welcomed by the Counsel General and Brexit Minister Jeremy Miles.

4 February: **Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C**.

5 February: **Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C**.

6 February: **Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C**.

7 February: **Joint statement by the First Ministers of Scotland and Wales** - Last week, the Scottish and Welsh Governments were invited to attend a UK government cabinet committee for the first time.

8 February: **Written Statement laid under Standing Order 30C**.

8 February: **Funding support for non-UK EU citizens ahead of Brexit**.

8 February: **Companies from across Wales to benefit from cutting edge technologies thanks to EU funding**.

12 February: **Written Statement: The European Union (Withdrawal) Act and Common Frameworks**.

15 February: **£1.5m to grow the foundations of Wales' economy**. As part of its response to Brexit, the Welsh Government is establishing a new £1.5m fund that will test new ways of nurturing and growing the everyday parts of Wales' economy.

15 February: **Devolved administrations call for clarity on future funding post-Brexit. 'A missed opportunity to provide much-needed clarity' - Finance Ministers express concerns following meeting between the UK government and the devolved administrations**.

19 February: **Plum choice – Denbigh fruit given protected food name status.**

13 February: **Written Statement laid under Standing Order 30C.**

14 February: **Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C.**

15 February: **Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C.**

19 February: **Written Statements laid under Standing Order 30C.**

22 February: **Selling Wales to the world – views sought on new strategy to raise Wales’ global profile.**

22 February: **No deal disruption at Port can easily be avoided – Jeremy Miles** - The Counsel General and Brexit Minister Jeremy Miles has repeated his calls for the Prime Minister to remove the threat of a no deal Brexit, following a visit to the Port of Holyhead.

25 February: **Minister for International Relations and Welsh language visits the US to boost trade with Wales’ most important business partner.**

News

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

5 February: **NFU Cymru Red Meat Summit: Brexit No Deal threat leaves Welsh livestock sector in ‘perilous position’.**

11 February: **Sensible Rent Review Discussions Needed During Brexit Uncertainty** (TFA)

14 February: **West Wales FUW Academy discusses Brexit threat to family farms.**

14 February: **Monmouthshire officeholders have welcomed David Davies MP onto farm to hear the latest developments on Brexit talks.**

27 February: **FUW meets key EU figures as Brexit countdown reaches 30 days.**

EU Developments

European Council

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: **EU energy efficiency rules adapted in view of Brexit.**

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

1 February: **Visa free travel after Brexit: Council agrees negotiating mandate.**

1 February: **Ensuring safe flying after Brexit – Council agrees its position.**

6 February: **Remarks by President Donald Tusk after his meeting with Taoiseach Leo Varadkar.**

8 February: **EU adapts trans-European transport networks to prepare for a ‘no-deal’ Brexit – presidency reaches provisional agreement with Parliament.**

15 February: **Basic road connectivity in the event of no-deal Brexit** – Council agrees its position. **Ensuring basic air connectivity in the event of no-deal Brexit** – Council sets its position.

19 February: **Council conclusions on EU relations with the Swiss Confederation.**

19 February: **Heavy-duty vehicles: Council presidency agrees with Parliament on Europe’s first-ever CO2 emission reduction targets for trucks.**

19 February: **Basic air connectivity in the event of no-deal Brexit – provisional agreement with the Parliament.**

European Commission

The Commission has published ‘**Brexid 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.

30 January: **Brexid 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**.

1 February: **Commission imposes definitive safeguard measures on imports of steel products**.

5 February: **Keynote speech by President Juncker at the EU Industry Days 2019**.

6 February: **Joint statement by President Jean-Claude Juncker and Taoiseach Leo Varadkar**.

7 February: **Joint statement on behalf of President Juncker and Prime Minister May**.

7 February: **Winter 2019 Economic Forecast: growth moderates amid global uncertainties** - The European economy is expected to grow for the seventh year in a row in 2019, with expansion forecast in every Member State. The pace of growth overall is projected to moderate compared to the high rates of recent years and the outlook is subject to large uncertainty.

8 February: **The EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement explained**.

12 February: **Brexid Preparedness: European Commission adopts “no-deal” contingency measure for railway safety and connectivity**.

13 February: **Agreement with Singapore set to give a boost to EU-Asia trade**.

18 February: **Brexid preparedness: Commission intensifies “no-deal” customs preparedness outreach to EU businesses**.

European Parliament

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**.

5 February: **Erasmus+ will finance existing UK-EU mobility in the event of no-deal Brexid**.

12 February: **Fisheries management plan for Western Waters adopted**.

12 February: **Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte: “Europe must listen to the people”**.

13 February: **Parliament gives green light to EU-Singapore trade and investment protection deals**.

18 February: **First seat projections for the next European Parliament**.

19 February: **Trade negotiations with US can start under certain conditions**.

20 February: **New Erasmus: more opportunities for disadvantaged youth**.

News

28 January: **Strict rules planned to avoid traffic jams out of Dublin Port after Brexid** - 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)

6 February: **Advocate General Wahl proposes that the Court of Justice should dismiss Austria's action against the new German motorway charge** - The fact that owners of vehicles registered in Germany benefit from a tax relief on the German motor vehicle tax in an amount that corresponds to the amount of the charge does not constitute discrimination on grounds of nationality.

15 February: **France fears border lorry queues as it braces for no-deal Brexit** (Reuters)

26 February: **Hard Brexit could wipe at least 0.5 percent off German GDP: BDI** (Reuters)

UK Developments

UK Government

25 January: **Swiss haulage agreement** - Agreement relates to UK hauliers and commercial bus drivers.

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**.

31 January: The seventh meeting of the Ministerial Forum (EU Negotiations) was held in Cardiff. **Ministerial Forum communiqué**. The Counsel General and Brexit Minister, Jeremy Miles AM, attended.

1 February: **International driving permits for UK drivers from 28 March 2019**. Prepare to drive in the EU after Brexit: **bus and coach drivers; lorry and goods vehicle drivers** (DfT)

1 February: **Developments on haulage to the EU**. Text of a letter sent by DVSA/DfT to companies who have applied for ECMT permits (Road Haulage Association)

4 February: **HMRC announces Transitional Simplified Procedures for customs**, should we leave the EU without a deal, by writing to 145,000 VAT registered businesses trading with the EU.

5 February: **EU Exit: road haulage** - A road haulage statutory instrument has been laid in Parliament which is designed to ensure UK law operates effectively if the UK leaves the EU without a deal (DfT)

5 February: **PM speech in Belfast**.

7 February: **Joint statement on behalf of the Prime Minister and President Juncker**.

8 February: **UK and EEA EFTA states strike agreement to protect citizens' rights in a no deal scenario**. [Explainer](#).

11 February: **Response to Jeremy Corbyn from Theresa May** (PoliticsHome) following, on 6 February: **Jeremy Corbyn lays out Labour's five Brexit demands in letter to Theresa May** (Labour Party).

19 February: **A World To Win** - Michael Gove's speech to National Farmers Union.

20 February: **Government urges businesses to prepare for changes to animal imports and exports in a no-deal Brexit** - Guidance published today will help minimise disruption and allow continued movement of goods.

To summarise the **guidance published today**, those who export animals, animal products, fish, should: *[my comments in italics]*

1. Download **EHC certificates**;
2. Arrange inspections by an authorised signatory for the EHC, such as an Official Veterinarian (OV), in advance of exports;
3. Familiarise themselves with a new **helpful tool** to find authorised signatories in England, Scotland and Wales *[19 for Wales]*
4. Review the current list of EU Border Inspection Posts on **GOV.UK** to help plan their journeys; and *[Calais is not on the list]*
5. If exporting most fish and fish products between the UK and EU you will need a catch certificate. Guidance is available at **exporting and importing fish if there's no Brexit deal**.
6. Those who import animals, animal products, fish, food and feed should:
7. Read **the guidance** about how to import when the UK leaves the EU;
8. If importing high-risk food and feed not of animal origin, ensure that those consignments enter the UK at a Designated Point of Entry (DPE) which are available on the **Food Standards Agency's website**; Importers must notify Designated Points of Entry (DPEs) at least one working day before the physical arrival of the consignment.
9. If importing from the rest of the world via the EU, make sure that those consignments enter the UK at a Border Inspection Post (BIP) or a Designated Point of Entry (DPE); and

10. If importing most fish and fish products between the UK and EU you will need a catch certificate. Guidance is available at **exporting and importing fish if there's no Brexit deal**.

20 February: **Joint statement on behalf of Prime Minister May and President Juncker**.

21 February update: **Existing trade agreements if the UK leaves the EU without a deal**.

22 February: **Common Travel Area Guidance**.

25 February: **UK and Switzerland sign citizens' rights agreement**.

26 February: **Ministerial Forum communiqué : 25 February 2019**. This summarises the eighth meeting of the Ministerial Forum (EU Negotiations), which was held in Cardiff. Jeremy Miles AM attended.

26 February: **Implications for business and trade of a no deal exit on 29 March 2019**.

26 February update: **Staying in the UK for longer than 3 months if there's no Brexit deal** - Guidance for EU, EEA and Swiss citizens coming to the UK to visit, study, work or join family if the UK leaves the EU with no deal.

26 February update: **Letters on no deal Brexit advice for businesses only trading with the EU** - HMRC letters to VAT-registered businesses only trading with the EU explaining how to prepare for changes to customs, excise and VAT if the UK leaves the EU without a deal.

27 February: **WTO agreement [Agreement on Government Procurement] secures £1.3 trillion market for British contractors**.

House of Commons

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**.

31 January: Attorney General questions: **Leaving the EU: Priorities**.

4 February: Education questions: **Leaving the EU: Tertiary Education**.

4 February: Statement on **Nissan in Sunderland**.

4 February: Westminster Hall debate: **Leaving the European Union: e-petition 224908**.

5 February: Application for emergency debate (Standing Order No. 24): **Leaving the EU: No Deal**. The Speaker said “I say no for now, but I have the matter under review”.

6 February: **Prime Ministers questions**.

6 February: Presentation and First Reading of the **European Union (Referendum on Withdrawal Agreement) Bill**.

6 February: Presentation of a petition on the “**Brexit which people voted for**.”

7 February: International Trade questions: **New Trade Agreements: Human Rights; Future Trade Agreements: Intellectual Property Rights; UK Service Exports; European Single Market; Leaving the EU: UK Steel Sector**.

7 February: Urgent question: **Leaving the EU: Mobile Roaming Charges**.

8 February: **Value Added Tax Bill**.

11 February: Urgent question on **Seaborne Freight**.

12 February: Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy question on leaving the EU: **Consumer Rights; Support for Businesses based in Scotland**.

12 February: Prime Minister’s Statement on **Leaving the EU**.

12 February: Westminster Hall debate: **Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme**.

13 February: **Prime Ministers questions**.

13 February: Urgent question on **EU Trade Agreements: Replication**.

13 February: Urgent question on **Northern Ireland: Restoring Devolution**.

13 February: Debate on **Securitisation Regulations 2018**.

14 February: Transport questions on Leaving the EU: **Travel Disruption; Ports; Haulage Sector**.

14 February: Debate on the **UK’s Withdrawal from the EU**.

18 February: Defence questions: Leaving the EU: **Defence Relationship; MOD Preparedness**.

18 February: Statement on **Flybmi**.

18 February: Motions on **Exiting the European Union (Financial Services), Exiting the European Union (Mediation)**.

19 February: Health and Social Care questions: **Leaving the EU: Contingency Planning**.

19 February: Urgent Question on the **Northern Ireland Backstop**.

19 February: Statement on **Honda in Swindon**.

19 February: Debates on SIs: **Exiting the European Union (Structural and Investment Funds); Exiting the European Union (Medicines)**.

20 February: Scotland Questions: **Leaving the EU; Immigration Bill**.

20 February: **Prime Ministers Questions**.

20 February: Urgent Question on **Leaving the EU: Economic Impact of Proposed Deal**.

20 February: Motions on SIs: **Exiting the European Union (Aquaculture); Exiting the European Union (Agriculture)**.

21 February: Environment, Food and Rural Affairs questions: **Leaving the EU: Fisheries; Leaving the EU: Farming.**

21 February: Debate on **Future Free Trade Agreements.**

21 February: Debate on **Northern Ireland Backstop: Conditional Interpretative Declaration.**

25 February: Home Department questions: **EU Settlement Scheme.**

25 February: Statement: **Trade Remedy Measures: UK Interests.**

25 February: Motions on SIs: **Exiting the EU (Financial Services); Exiting the European Union (Consumer Protection).**

26 February: Foreign and Commonwealth Office questions: **Leaving the EU: Diplomatic Network.**

26 February: Prime Minister's Statement and Debate on **Leaving the European Union.**

27 February: Wales questions: **International Trading Opportunities; Withdrawal Agreement Bill: Legislative Consent; Leaving the EU: Economic Support; Leaving the EU: Business Preparations.**

27 February: **Prime Ministers questions.**

27 February: Debate on the **UK's Withdrawal from the EU.**

Committees

Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy:

21 October 2016: **Letter from the Secretary of State to Carlos Ghosn, Nissan Motor Company on the Nissan Sunderland plant.**

4 February 2019: **Letter from the Secretary of State to the Chair on Nissan Sunderland Plant.**

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs:

30 January: **Chair of the Farm Inspection and Regulation Review questioned.**

30 January: **Academics and legal professionals questioned on the draft Environment Bill. Transcript.**

31 January: **Letter from Defra's Permanent Secretary on Defra's testing of the six critical EU Exit IT systems.**

4 February: **Letter from the Secretary of State on the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union.**

6 February: Evidence Session on Pre-legislative scrutiny of the Draft Environment (Principles and Governance) Bill. **Transcript.** 31 pieces of written evidence, including: **WWF; Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management; National Trust; Thames Water; Emeritus Professor of Environmental Law Richard Macrory.**

6 February: **Minister questioned on Defra's Brexit preparations. Transcript. Written evidence from Defra.**

13 February: Evidence Session Brand Britain: Promoting and Marketing British food and drink. **Transcript.**

13 February: Evidence Session on Pre-legislative scrutiny of the Draft Environment (Principles and Governance) Bill. **Transcript.** Written evidence submitted by the **Law Society of Scotland; Professor Maria Lee; Dr Mary Dobbs and Dr Ludivine Petetin; National Farmers Union.**

27 February: **Pre-legislative scrutiny of the Environment Bill examined.**

6 March: Pre-legislative scrutiny of the Environment Bill examined.

6 March: Evidence Session on Brand Britain: Promoting and Marketing British food and drink.

Environmental Audit:

6 February: **Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Environment Bill examined. Transcript.**

27 February: **Evidence Session on the Draft Environment (Principles and Governance) Bill with legal experts.**

European Scrutiny:

30 January: 53rd Report - **Documents considered by the Committee on 30 January 2019.**

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

6 February: **Committee hears from Dominic Raab and Suella Braverman in inquiry examining Brexit negotiations.**

6 February: Correspondence from DfT on **Overview of bilateral agreements for Roads.**

6 February: 54th Report - **Documents considered by the Committee on 6 February 2019.**

13 February: 55th Report - **Documents considered by the Committee on 13 February 2019.**

European Statutory Instruments:

29 January: **Instruments to be considered by the Committee on 2 February.**

6 February: **Instruments to be considered by the Committee on 12 February.**

19 February: **Instruments to be considered by the Committee on 26 February.**

27 February: **Instruments to be considered by the Committee on 5 March.**

Exiting the EU:

28 January: **A ‘managed no deal’ cannot constitute the policy of any responsible Government**, says Brexit Committee – Report: **Response to the vote on the Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration: Assessing the Options.**

8 February: **Committee to examine Parliament’s role in preparing for Brexit and future relationship negotiations.**

13 February: **Committee hears from former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern. Transcript.**

5 March: Evidence Session: The progress of the UK’s negotiations on EU withdrawal: Role of Parliament, with Stephen Barclay.

6 March: Evidence Session: The progress of the UK’s negotiations on EU withdrawal: Role of Parliament.

Foreign Affairs:

25 January: **Letter from the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union relating to EU free trade agreements.**

14 February: **Correspondence with the Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food relating to preparations for maintaining the UK’s access to key fishing stocks in the event of a no-deal Brexit.**

Home Affairs:

12 February: **EU Settlement Scheme examined. Transcript.**

26 February: **Government responds to report on Home Office preparations for Brexit.**

27 February: **Home Secretary questioned on his department’s preparations for Brexit.**

26-27 February: EU Settlement Scheme inquiry written evidence: **the3million**, **the3million**, the **Home Office**.

International Trade:

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

1 February: **Liam Fox sidesteps questions about the roll-over of EU-Swiss trade agreement – Letter to the Secretary of State.**

6 February: **Secretary of State questioned on next steps in Brexit process. Transcript.**

7 February: **Concerns over Trade Remedies Authority readiness for no deal Brexit. Letter to the Secretary of State.**

12 February: **Chair responds to revelation that Government will miss Brexit trade deal target.**

14 February: Letters from the Secretary of State on: **UK Switzerland trade agreement; the future operational readiness of the Trade Remedies Authority.**

27 February: **UK investment policy examined with academics and experts.**

27 February: UK trade in services inquiry written evidence: **Department for International Trade; EEF; techUK.**

6 March: Evidence Session - The work of the Department for International Trade.

Northern Ireland Affairs:

30 January: **Dominic Raab questioned on how Brexit negotiations led to backstop. Transcript.** Written evidence: **Martin Howe QC; Children’s Heartbeat Trust; Ulster Unionist Party; Ulster Farmers Union; Northern Ireland Local Government Association; Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action.**

6 February: **Shadow Brexit Minister questioned on backstop ‘alternative arrangements’ Transcript.**

13 February: **Technological solutions to NI border examined. Transcript.** Written evidence from **Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Federation of Small Businesses NI; Wine and Spirit Trade Association.**

6 March: Evidence Session on the Implications of the EU Withdrawal Agreement and the backstop for Northern Ireland.

Procedure:

6 February: Evidence Session on Exiting the European Union: scrutiny of delegated legislation, with Chris Heaton-Harris. **Transcript.**

6 February: **Correspondence with the Secretary of State, DExEU, on House of Commons scrutiny of international agreements.**

19 February: **Letter from Chris Heaton Harris relating to oral evidence given on 6 February 2019.**

Public Accounts:

11 February: **Government to face committee following scrapped ferry contract -** The Committee has published as evidence a National Audit Office memorandum, **The award of contracts for additional freight capacity on ferry services.**

13 February: Evidence Session on Brexit and the UK border: further progress review. **Transcript. Memorandum from the National Audit Office.**

Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs:

29 January: **One-off session examining constitutional implications of Commons procedure ahead of votes on Brexit ‘Plan B’. Transcript.** Written evidence from **Sir Malcolm Jack.**

28 February: **Cabinet Secretary and Civil Service Chief Executive questioned on Brexit preparedness.**

Science and Technology:

30 January: Evidence Session on **Brexit, Science and Innovation: Preparations for ‘No-Deal’ and the Work of the Science Minister and Government Chief Scientific Adviser. Transcript.** Written evidence from **38 organisations**, including: **Royal Academy of Engineering; British Academy; British Medical Association; UK Research and Innovation; Universities UK;** the **Royal Society.**

Scottish Affairs:

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. Transcript.**

5 February: **Committee questions MPs and officials on Scotland-UK relations. Transcript.** Written evidence from the **Law Society of Scotland; David Eiser, Fraser of Allander Institute.**

5 February: Fisheries Bill written evidence: **Scottish ENVIRONMENT Link; Scottish Fishermen’s Federation; Scottish Seafood Association.**

12 February: **Committee hear implications of Government’s immigration plans for Scottish economy.**

26 February: **Environmental priorities for Scottish agriculture considered by Committee.**

5 March: Evidence Session on the relationship between the UK and Scottish Governments.

Transport:

1-24 January: **Correspondence between Department for Transport and Committee relating to Brexit and award of ferry contracts.**

30 January: Freight and Brexit inquiry written evidence: **Dr Albert Sanchez-Graells; Dr Andrew Watt.**

6-19 February: **Letter to Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling, regarding Department for Transport's 'no deal' Brexit preparations, and the Minister's reply.**

Treasury:

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

4 February: **Committee asks Government to explain assurances provided to Nissan – Letter to Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Energy.**

7 February: **Letter to Economic Secretary to the Treasury re Brexit Statutory Instruments.**

11 February: **Letter from Economic Secretary to the Treasury re Brexit Statutory Instruments.**

28 February: **Nissan's financial package should be in public domain, says Chair. Letter from Greg Clark.**

Welsh Affairs:

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

5 February: **Role of Welsh government in post-Brexit UK trade negotiations examined. Transcript.**

House of Lords

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.**

4 February: Question on the **UK Shared Prosperity Fund.**

4 February: 4th Committee Day of the **Trade Bill.**

5 February: Question on **Brexit: Article 50.**

5 February: Statement on **Nissan in Sunderland.**

5 February: 2nd Reading of the **Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill.**

6 February: Question on **Brexit: Outstanding Commitments.**

7 February: Question on **Brexit: Food Imports.**

7 February: Question on **Brexit: Counterfeit Medicines.**

11 February: Question on **Seaborne Freight.**

12 February: Statement on **Leaving the European Union.**

13 February: Debate on **EU Withdrawal**; motion on **EU Withdrawal.**

14 February: Question on **EU Settlement Scheme.**

14 February: Question on **Northern Ireland: Devolution.**

14 February: Statement on **Trade Agreements.**

18 February: Question on **Brexit: Options.**

18 February: Statement on **Flybmi.**

19 February: Question on **Brexit: Tourism**.

19 February: Question on **Brexit: Northern Ireland Backstop**.

19 February: Statement on **Honda in Swindon**.

19 February: 1st Committee Day of the **Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill**, and **continued**.

20 February: Question on **Brexit: Legislation**.

20 February: Statement: **Brexit: Economic Impact**.

21 February: 2nd Committee Day of the **Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill**.

26 February: Statement on **Leaving the European Union**.

27 February: Debate on **Further Discussions with the European Union under Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union**.

Committees

Constitution:

22 January: **HM Government response to the Committee's report on the Trade Bill**.

30 January: **David Lidington and Alan Duncan give evidence on treaty scrutiny after Brexit. Transcript**.

11 February: **Letter to Minister of State for Trade and Export Promotion on the Trade Bill**.

14 February: **Letter from David Lidington on Treatment of No Deal Statutory Instruments in a Deal Scenario**.

Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform:

29 January: **45th Report of Session 2017-19** - Fisheries Bill: Government Response.

14 February: **47th Report of Session 2017-19** - Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill

Economic Affairs:

5 March: Evidence Session with the Governor of the Bank of England.

EU Select:

23 January: Scrutiny of Brexit negotiations oral evidence with Stephen Barclay. **Transcript**.

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

29 January: **Government publishes list of Brexit-related treaties. Letter from Stephen Barclay. Annex listing Brexit-related international agreements**.

6 February: **First report scrutinising Brexit-related international agreements published** – Report: **Scrutiny of international agreements; treaties considered on 5 February 2019. Letter to Stephen Barclay ref International Agreements**.

12 February: **Academics on the protocol on Ireland / Northern Ireland questioned. Transcript**.

13 February: **Second report scrutinising Brexit-related international agreements published** – Report: **Scrutiny of international agreements; treaties considered on 12 February 2019**.

20 February: **Committee discusses the progress of Brexit negotiations with Sir Ivan Rogers**, Former UK Permanent Representative to the EU. **Transcript**.

21 February: **Third report scrutinising Brexit-related international agreements published** – Report: **Scrutiny of international agreements; treaties considered on 20 February 2019**.

27 February: **Committee draws special attention to three Brexit-related trade agreements** – Report: **Scrutiny of international agreements; Treaties considered on 26 February 2019**. Letter from Ivan McKee MSP, Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation, Scottish Parliament ref **scrutiny of Brexit-related international agreements**.

EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee:

6 February: **Who will uphold environmental law after Brexit? Transcript.** Written evidence from **Professor Richard Macrory.**

8 February: **UK unprepared for new fisheries conservation rules** - Report: **Fisheries: implementation and enforcement of the EU landing obligation.**

13 February: **Carbon pricing and Brexit investigated. Transcript** and **transcript.**

27 February: **Ministers' plans for carbon pricing and Brexit.** Written evidence from the **Chemical Industries Association; Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment.**

6 March: Evidence Session on Food safety risk management post-Brexit.

EU Financial Affairs Sub-Committee:

31 January: **UK infrastructure bank may be needed to replace EIB funding post-Brexit** – Report: **Brexit: the European Investment Bank.**

7 February: **Brexit-related treaties examined.**

13 February: **Impact of Brexit on central counterparties (CCPs) explored. Transcript.**

27 February: **FCA questioned on Brexit risks.**

EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee:

15 January: **Letter from Nick Hurd on the UK's JHA opt-in protocol.**

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

30 January: Brexit: EU student exchanges and funding for university research inquiry written evidence: **Erasmus+ UK National Agency.**

6 February: **Letter to Nick Hurd on the UK's JHA opt-in protocol.**

6 February: Evidence session on **UK-EU asylum cooperation after Brexit. Transcript.**

6 February: **Committee asks Minister about 'no deal' Brexit security.**

preparations - **Letter to Nick Hurd on the Government's response to the security treaty report.**

8 February: **Letter from Stephen Hammond on access to medicines in the event of no deal.**

12 February: **Uncertainty over future UK participation in Erasmus and Horizon programmes** – Report: **Brexit: the Erasmus and Horizon programmes.**

20 February: **Witnesses give evidence on future of EU work migration. Transcript.**

20 February: **Letter to Caroline Nokes on future UK-EU cooperation on asylum.**

27 February: **Security arrangements in the event of no deal examined.**

EU Justice Sub-Committee:

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

27 February: **Committee expresses concerns to Home Secretary about EU Settlement Scheme** – **Letter to Home Secretary.**

Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (Sub-Committee A):

30 January: **Lords criticise Foreign Office and the Department for Transport for failing to provide sufficient information to explain their statutory instruments.**

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

6 February: **15th Report of Session 2017-19.**

13 February: **16th Report of Session 2017-19.**

20 February: **17th Report of Session 2017-19.**

26 February: **Committee criticise Home Office for lack of transparency over the effects of Brexit on justice and security.**

27 February: **18th Report of Session 2017-19.**

Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (Sub-Committee B):

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

7 February: **15th Report of Session 2017-19.**

14 February: **16th Report of Session 2017-19.**

21 February: **17th Report of Session 2017-19.**

28 February: **18th Report of Session 2017-19.**

News

26 January: **Why claims about a ‘WTO Article 24’ interim agreement are a red herring** (Peter Ungphakorn in UK Trade Forum)

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).

29 January: **CBI responds to Brexit parliamentary votes.**

31 January: **UK Automotive on red alert as ‘no deal’ threat sees manufacturing and investment plummet** - new calculations show two thirds of UK’s global car trade at risk from ‘no deal’ (SMMT)

4 February: **BCC comments on no deal customs announcement.**

4 February: **Brexit is one-off chance to change quota system.** Inshore leader calls for revamp to help coastal communities. - An inshore fishermen’s leader has spelled out that Brexit will provide the government with a one-off opportunity to completely reset the quota allocation system and finally provide a fairer allocation to the inshore small-boat fleet (Fishing News)

5 February: **Simplified customs procedures are not enough, says RHA.**

6 February: **BCC: Government must listen to business on tariffs.**

6 February: **RHA welcomes Government’s ‘no-deal’ Brexit commitment to international hauliers.**

6 February: **UK staring danger in the face on trade deals** - As an accidental “no deal” Brexit becomes more likely, our President sounds the alarm on the hugely damaging implications for the UK of crashing out of trade deals it belongs to through EU membership (CBI)

7 February: **No deal threat to London’s long-term competitiveness** (CBI)

7 February: **Inflation Report - February 2019** (Bank of England)

8 February: **International permit allocation falls short of what is needed says RHA.**

11 February: **Saturday night permit winners and losers show No Deal is no option for logistics, says FTA.**

11 February: **Controversial Seaborne Freight Contract Cancelled** (RHA)

12 February: **Government sued by Eurotunnel over no-deal ferry contracts** (BBC)

12 February: BCC: **Businesses ‘hung out to dry’ without answers in event of unwanted ‘no deal’** - The British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) has today published a list of **twenty critical questions that remain unanswered for business** in the unwelcome event of the UK leaving the EU without a deal on March 29.

13 February: **Inflation fall overshadowed by Brexit uncertainty, says TUC.**

18 February: **Brexit: Food prices to rise up to 20% ‘virtually instantaneously’ after leaving EU, warns Birds Eye boss** (Independent)

19 February: **UK manufacturers warn of catastrophic no-deal Brexit** (Reuters)

19 February: **Statement from FTA as HMRC announces phased approach for Entry Summary Declarations in the event of a no-deal Brexit.**

19 February: **No-deal Brexit: Paperwork required on EU imports to be suspended for six months** (Freight Industry Times)

19 February: **Brexit Update - Permits for International Operators; HMRC backtracks on impossible requirements** (RHA)

21 February: **An unwelcome surprise - Japan and Turkey trade deals not rolled over under no deal** (CBI)

21 February: **BCC: Disappointing lack of progress on continuity trade agreements.**

22 February: **UK facing huge blow on trade in no deal** (CBI)

24 February: **BCC: Another day, another delay.**

26 February: **BCC: Government must act now to prevent ‘no deal’ by default on 29th March; BCC comments on Prime Minister’s statement.**

26 February: **Britain’s Other Irish Border Is Also a Big Brexit Problem** – Holyhead (Bloomberg)

26 February: **No-deal Brexit panic after ministers realize the UK doesn’t have the right pallets for exporting to the EU** (Business Insider)

Scotland

Scottish Parliament

Scottish Parliament Brexit Update: **30 January; 15 February.**

Scottish Parliament Information Centre: **Brexit – Seeking amendments to the backstop; European Commission preparations for a “no deal” Brexit;**

31 January: Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee: **Evidence session on the Article 50 Negotiations.**

19 February: Statement: **Brexit (Response to European Union Exit Vote in Westminster).**

21 February: Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee: **Evidence session on the Presidency of the Council of the European Union** with the Romanian ambassador, HE Dan Mihalache.

Scottish Government

30 January: **International exports continue to rise - Majority of growth in exports to EU countries.**

3 February: **Immigration threat to universities** - Ministers call on UK Government to reconsider post-Brexit immigration policy.

4 February: **UK “not remotely” ready for Brexit** – First Minister.

7 February: **Brexit: joint statement by the First Ministers of Scotland and Wales.**

13 February: **Brexit farm compensation.**

13 February: **UK Government must immediately rule out ‘no deal’ Brexit.**

19 February: **Calls for EU nationals to stay in Scotland.**

19 February: **Brexit threat to jobs.**

20 February: **Brexit concerns raised by third sector.**

21 February: **Economic impact of ‘No Deal’ Brexit** - GDP could drop by up to 7%.

Northern Ireland

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

Brexit Brief Newsletter January 2019.

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

29 January: 6 Dáil questions: **International Relations**; Brexit Issues; Brexit Issues; Common Travel Area; Brexit Negotiations.

30 January: Dáil question: **Fishing Industry**.

31 January: 4 Dáil questions: **Brexit Supports**; Brexit issues; Brexit preparations.

6 February: Dáil question: **Brexit Supports**.

12 February: Dáil question: **Brexit Preparations**.

14 February: Dáil question: **Brexit Preparations**.

20 February update: **Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2019**.

20 February: Joint Committee on European Union Affairs debate: **General Affairs Council**.

21 February: Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement debate: **Impact of Brexit on the Good Friday Agreement: Discussion**.

26 February: Dáil debate: **Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2019: Second Stage**.

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**.

1 February: **Taoiseach to travel to Brussels next week**.

5 February: **Government continues ongoing Brexit planning**.

6 February: **Taoiseach travels to Brussels for meetings with Presidents Juncker & Tusk. Statement by President Jean-Claude Juncker and Taoiseach Leo Varadkar**.

18 February: **Minister Humphreys urges businesses to ensure continuity of supply of goods and services post Brexit.**

22 February: **Government Publishes Brexit Omnibus Bill to prepare Ireland for no deal withdrawal by the UK.**

Reports published

Houses of Commons and Lords Libraries

- A ‘Plan B’ considered and two instructions given: Where next for Parliament and Brexit?**
 - Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill: Briefing for Lords Stages**
 - E-petition 224908 relating to leaving the European Union**
 - Leaving the European Union: Recent Developments and Debates under Section 13 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018**
 - No-deal Brexit and WTO: Article 24 explained**
 - The Royal Navy, Brexit and UK fisheries**
 - Further Take-Note Debate on EU Withdrawal**
 - Financial Services (Implementation of Legislation) Bill 2017-19**
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UK firms investing billions abroad because of Brexit new CEP research finds

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Brexit: farming on the edge?

No deal would have a severe impact on farmers, food and the environment
(NFU director for EU Exit and International Trade)

LSE Brexit

Many working-class people believe in Brexit. Who can blame them?

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Young cosmopolitans: values, identity, and the youth vote in the EU referendum

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term economic re-orientation

Is it the English question – or the British question? The three strands of Britishness

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Brexit: two months to go (Institute for Government)

The EU needs a Brexit endgame (Breugel)

