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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 24 September – 8 October 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, International Agreements, Follow up work on Brexit Preparedness and follow-up work on Brexit preparedness](#)**.

The most recent sessions of the EAAL Committee were:

- 30 September: The Committee held a focus group with EU nationals and partner organisations to gain an understanding of their lived experience.
- 7 October: The Committee held a scrutiny session with the Counsel General and Brexit Minister. Find the **[transcript here](#)**.

On 7 October the Committee noted:

- [Correspondence from the Auditor General for Wales to the Chair regarding follow-up to the Auditor General for Wales' report: 'Preparations in Wales for a 'no deal' Brexit'](#)** - 27 September 2019.

On 9 July the Committee launched its **[consultation into changes to freedom of movement after Brexit - implications for Wales](#)**. The consultation closed on 10 September, the Committee is considering the responses it received. The Committee published its **[fourth report on International Agreements: Implications for Wales](#)** in September 2019.

On 2 October the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee published its report on **[Environmental principles and governance post-Brexit](#)**.

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](#)**. The Committee is currently carrying out an inquiry in **[Wales' Changing Constitution](#)** including consideration of the implications of new levels of UK governance as a result of Brexit on the Welsh devolution settlement.

### Plenary

24 September: **[Emergency Question: The Supreme Court Judgment](#)**.

25 September: **[Debate: The UK and the EU](#)**.

1 October: Statements were made by the Counsel General and other Welsh Government Ministers on preparations for a 'no deal' Brexit. See Welsh Government section below.

2 October: **[Questions to the Counsel General and Brexit Minister \(in respect of his Brexit Minister responsibilities\)](#)**.

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

- [Brexit Negotiations Monitoring Report](#)**
- [Supreme Court prorogation ruling and what it means for Wales](#)**

### Welsh Government

25 September: **[Remaining in EU offers Wales brightest future - Jeremy Miles - Report: A brighter future for Wales: Why we should remain in the EU](#)**.

1 October: **[Jeremy Miles: PM has run out of road and must seek extension now](#)**.

1 October: **[Oral Statement: Update on the UK government's proposals for the UK's exit from the EU](#)**.

1 October: **[Oral Statement: Preparing the economy in Wales for a no deal Brexit](#)**.

1 October: **[Oral Statement: Preparing the rural economy and fisheries sector for a no deal Brexit](#)**.

1 October: **[Oral Statement: Preparing the health and care services in Wales for a no deal Brexit](#)**.

1 October: **[Oral Statement: Preparing our public services in Wales for a no deal Brexit](#)**.

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

3 October: **Written Statement: No deal Brexit preparations in Health and Social Services.**

4 October: **New funding to help secure Wales' future relations in Europe post-Brexit.**

7 October: **'Let's build an economy for the greater good'.**

## News

26 September: **FUW threaten legal action if borders allow 'back-door' for tariff-free imports.** (Farmers Union of Wales (FUW))

26 September: **Farmers' health and wellbeing needs to be at the centre of Brexit response - new report** – Report: **Supporting farming communities at times of uncertainty** (National Farmers Union Cymru)

30 September: **'Forgotten' Brexit deal still best option for rural Wales says FUW.**

3 October: **New Brexit proposal still leaves Wales 'out in the cold' says FUW.**

3 October: **'Farming is the answer to climate change and food crisis' Welsh Brexit Minister hears.** (FUW)

8 October: **NFU Cymru responds to UK Government tariff review** (National Farmers Union Cymru)

## EU Developments

### European Council

2 October: **Supporting persons who may lose their jobs in the event of no-deal Brexit: Council approves draft contingency measures.**

### European Commission

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

24 September: **Speech by Michel Barnier at the Zeitungskongress, Berlin.**

25-26 September: Exchange of letters between Steve Barclay and Michel Barnier: **To Michel Barnier; to Steve Barclay.**

27 September: **Statement by the European Commission following today's meeting between Michel Barnier, the European Commission's Chief Negotiator, and Steve Barclay, the UK Secretary of State for Exiting the EU.**

2 October: **Statement by the European Commission following President Jean-Claude Juncker's phone call with Prime Minister Boris Johnson.**

3 October: **Statement by the European Commission following President Jean-Claude Juncker's phone call with Taoiseach Leo Varadkar.**

### European Parliament

24 September: **2019 European elections: Record turnout driven by young people.**

25 September: **Cross-Party Brexit Hearing** hosted by Renew Europe.

3 October: **Brexit: recent UK proposals do not offer the safeguards the EU and Ireland need.**

8 October: **Statement by David Sassoli, President of the European Parliament following his meeting with Prime Minister Boris Johnson.**

## UK Developments

### UK Government

24 September: **PM speech to the UN General Assembly.**

25 September: **Letter to Mr M Barnier from Secretary of State Steve Barclay. Reply from M Barnier.**

26 September update: **Changes to Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs) and patent law in the event of no deal from the European Union.**

30 September: **FISHERMEN You need to follow new steps and processes to land fishery products into the EU after Brexit.**

2 October: **UK proposals for a new Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland – explanatory note.**

3 October: **Remarks at the German Embassy by the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.**

8 October: **No-Deal Readiness Report.**

### House of Commons

24 September: **The Supreme Court judgment and what this means for Parliament.**

25 September: **Speakers' Statement.**

25 September: Urgent question: **Legal Advice: Prorogation.**

25 September: Statement on **Brexit Readiness: Operation Yellowhammer.**

25 September: **Prime Minister's Update.**

26 September: Urgent Question: **Compliance with the European Union (Withdrawal) (No. 2) Act 2019.**

30 September: Urgent Question: **No-deal Brexit: Short Positions against the Pound.**

1 October: Treasury questions: **Economic Effect of No Deal.**

1 October: Urgent question: **Irish Border: Customs Arrangements.**

1 October: 4 motions on Exiting the European Union – **Agriculture; Agriculture; Agriculture** and **Pesticides.**

2 October: **Prime Ministers questions.**

2 October: Westminster Hall debate: **Free Movement of EU Nationals.**

3 October: Digital, Culture, Media and Sport questions: **Leaving the EU: Creative Industries.**

3 October: Attorney General questions: **EU (Withdrawal) (No. 2) Act: Implementation; Prorogation: Supreme Court Judgment; No-deal Brexit: Priorities.**

3 October: Prime Minister's statement on **Brexit Negotiations.**

7 October: Urgent question on **Withdrawal Agreement: Proposed Changes.**

7 October: Urgent question on **No-deal Brexit: Schedule of Tariffs.**

8 October: Urgent question on **HMRC Impact Analysis: Customs.**

8 October: Statement on **Preparations for Leaving the EU.**

8 October: **Parliament prorogued until 14 October.**

19 October: **Brexit: Special sitting for MPs to decide UK's future** (BBC)

### Committees

#### Europe Scrutiny:

8 October: **74<sup>th</sup> Report - Documents considered by the Committee on 2 October 2019.**

16 October: Evidence Session on Post-Brexit Scrutiny of EU Law and Policy.

### Home Affairs:

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10 September (published 25 September): **Written evidence – note of informal evidence session with the Freight Transport Association, the Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration, Colin Yeo, Luke Piper and Maria Llorente.**

25 September – 2 October: Committee publishes letter from Home Secretary on plans for immigration. Letter **from the Home Secretary**. Follow-up **letter to the Home Secretary**.

8 October: **Committee takes further evidence on preparations for Brexit.** Written evidence from **Dr Rachael Dickson and Dr Amanda Kramer**.

### International Trade:

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8 October: **Impact of no-deal Brexit on UK seafood exports examined.**

### Liaison:

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24 September: **Prime Minister requested to appear before Liaison Committee – text of letter.**

3 October: **Chair writes to Prime Minister requesting earlier date for Committee appearance – text of letter.**

### Procedure:

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2 October: **Further letter to the Chairman, from the Leader of the House and the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, DExEU, regarding use of the urgent procedure for EU Exit SIs.**

8 October: **Further letter from the Chairman, to the Leader of the House and the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, DExEU, regarding use of the urgent procedure for EU Exit SIs.**

### Public Accounts:

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2 October: Evidence Session on Exiting the EU: supplying the Health and Social Care sectors. **Transcript.**

### Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs:

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1 October: Written evidence for The Role of Parliament in the UK Constitution: The Scrutiny of International Treaties and other Agreements inquiry: **The Trade Justice Movement; Amy Dunne; States of Guernsey; Dr Ewan Smith; Dr Mario Mendez; Law Society of Scotland; Dr Asif Hameed; Jill Barrett; Foreign and Commonwealth Office.**

8 October: **Committee explores Prorogation and the Constitutional implications of the Supreme Court’s Judgment.**

### House of Lords

24 September: **Lord Speaker announces arrangements for Lords to resume.**

25 September: **Lord Speaker’s Statement.**

25 September: Private Notice Question: **Extension of Article 50.**

25 September: Statement on the **Attorney-General’s Legal Advice.**

25 September: Statement on **Brexit Readiness and Operation Yellowhammer.**

25 September: Statement: **Update to Parliament.**

26 September: Statement on the **European Union (Withdrawal) (No. 2) Act 2019.**

30 September: Question: **Brexit: Advertising of Duty-Free Shopping.**

30 September: Question on **Brexit: Access to EU Systems.**

30 September: Statement: **Brexit: Positions on the Pound.**

1 October: Statement on the **Irish Border: Checks and Customs Arrangements.**

2 October: Question on **Brexit: Medicines and Medical Devices.**

2 October: Motion to take note: **Brexit.**

3 October: Question on **Brexit: Divergence from EU Standards.**

3 October: Question on **Brexit: Parliamentary Processes.**



3 October: Statement: **Brexit: Negotiations**.

7 October: Statement on **Brexit: Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration**.

7 October: Statement on **Brexit: No-deal Tariff Schedules**.

7 October: Motion to approve the **Draft Heavy Commercial Vehicles in Kent (No. 1) Order 2019**.

7 October: Motion to approve the **Heavy Commercial Vehicles in Kent (No. 2) Order 2019**.

8 October: Statement: **Brexit: Preparations**.

8 October: **End of the 2017-19 Parliament**.

## Committees

### EU Select:

3 October: **Committee responds to Brexit Minister on UK participation in EU meetings – text of letter**.

4 October: **Brexit Secretary asked for full text of the Government’s Irish border – text of letter**.

8 October: 16<sup>th</sup> report - **Scrutiny of international agreements; treaties considered on 7 October 2019**.

8 October: Evidence Session: Scrutiny of Brexit negotiations.

### EU External Affairs Sub-Committee:

3 October: **Government response to post-Brexit report raises questions – text of letter**.

### EU Internal Market Sub-Committee:

17 October: Evidence Session on Discontinuing seasonal changes of time.

### EU Justice Sub-Committee:

22 October: Evidence Session on Brexit: Citizens rights: follow-up.

### Secondary Legislation Scrutiny:

3 October: **61<sup>st</sup> Report of Session 2017-19**.

## News

24 September: **R (on the application of Miller) (Appellant) v The Prime Minister (Respondent); Cherry and others (Respondents) v Advocate General for Scotland (Appellant) (Scotland)** (Supreme Court)

24 September: **FTA to provide free Brexit readiness workshops (Freight Transport Association)** (FTA)

25 September: **Businesses deny Gove claims on no-deal preparation** (BBC) - **It is impossible to completely mitigate the disruption of no deal** (British Retail Consortium)

25 September: **Calais may be ready, but are traders?** (Road Haulage Association (RHA))

26 September: **UK car production rises in August but fails to make back spring Brexit shutdown losses** (Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders)

29 September: **Government is “keeping people in the dark” about impact of a no deal, TUC warns** – Report: **Consequences of ‘no deal’** (Trades Union Congress (TUC))

29 September: **Private sector growth continues to fall amid political turmoil - CBI Growth Indicator** (Confederation of British Industry (CBI))

30 September: **Modest minimum wage promises would be sunk by no deal** (TUC)

1 October: **Customs checks bad for business in Northern Ireland, says RHA** (RHA)

2 October: **Brexit endgame needs a viable solution, not just words** (Federation of Small Businesses)

2 October: **Updated no deal preparations hub** (CBI)

2 October: **Our response to the Prime Minister's Conference speech** (CBI)

3 October: **'Fresh proposals a basis for further discussions, not final destination'** (CBI Northern Ireland)

3 October: **Comment from FTA on the government's Brexit announcement at the Conservative Party Conference** (FTA)

3 October: **RHA - helping businesses to prepare for Brexit** (RHA)

4 October: **Boris Johnson will ask EU for Brexit delay if no deal is agreed, court documents confirm** (Politics Home)

7 October: **Welsh minister warns of no-deal Brexit threat** - 'Catastrophic impact on rural communities (Fishing News)

7 October: **Opinion of the Court of Session in the petitions of Dale Vince OBE; Jolyon Maugham QC; and Joanna Cherry QC MP** (Court of Session)

8 October: **Make UK comment on tariff regime** - Industry warns of severe impact (Make UK)

8 October: **Make UK comment on Gove statement** - UK unprepared for damaging seismic change (Make UK)

8 October: Green Budget 2019 – Chapter 3: **UK economic outlook in four Brexit scenarios** (Institute for fiscal Studies)

8 October: **'No-deal' truck tariffs will bite hard** (RHA)

8 October: **BCC comments on No-Deal Readiness Report and temporary tariff regime** (British Chambers of Commerce)

9 October: **Opinion of the Court of Session in the petitions of Dale Vince and others** (Court of Session)

## Scotland

### Scottish Parliament

Brexit Update: **30 September**.

Scottish Parliament Information Centre: **Parliament has not been prorogued – the Supreme Court judgment. Guest blog – What might the Prime Minister's immigration proposals mean for Scotland?**

24 September: Statement: **Supreme Court Judgment (Response)**.

24 September: Debate on **Common Frameworks**.

1 October: Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee: Evidence session on **European Union Exit (No Deal)**.

1 October: Justice Committee. Evidence session on **Contingency Planning (Brexit)** with Police Scotland.

8 October: Statement on **No-deal Preparations**.

### Scottish Government

25 September: **Brexit funds for people struggling to afford food**.

30 September: **Brexit impact on red meat sector**.

1 October: **Brexit impact on computer games industry**.

2 October: **Measures needed to address 'no deal' Brexit poverty risks**.

4 October: **Protecting the environment after Brexit** - Consultation gives support to Scottish Government proposals.

6 October: **Right to stay for EU citizens** - Home Office urged to remove five year rule for settled status.

8 October: **'No deal' Brexit preparations published - Scottish Government Overview of 'No Deal' Preparations**.

## Northern Ireland

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

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. On 4 October they published **Brexit and Northern Ireland: Reading List #27**.

19 September: **European Social Fund and Regional Development Fund projects have transformed the lives of thousands across Northern Ireland**.

3 October: The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has announced its **plan to manage the Export Health Certification needs of the agri-food sector if the UK leaves the EU without a deal**.

4 October: **Brexit and YOU delivered to homes in Northern Ireland – Brexit and YOU**.

## UK-Ireland relations

17 September: Dáil questions: **Anglo-Irish Relations, Brexit Issues**.

18 September: Dáil questions: **British-Irish Council**.

25 September: Seanad Special Committee on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union debate - **Implications for Ireland of the Withdrawal of the UK from the EU in Regard to Transport Matters**.

25 September: Joint Committee on Health debate - **Brexit Preparations Update: Discussion**.

26 September: Dáil questions - **Brexit preparations**.

2 October: Dáil question - **Driver licences** - (Irish and UK licences after Brexit).

27 September: **Tánaiste Simon Coveney meets Michel Barnier in Brussels**.

2 October: **Statement by An Taoiseach following a call with the UK Prime Minister**.

3 October: **Taoiseach speaks to Presidents Juncker and Tusk**.

8 October: **Government provides in excess of €1 billion in Budget 2020 to respond to a No Deal Brexit**.

## Reports published

House of Commons Library

[What would a no-deal Brexit mean for UK and EU defence cooperation?](#)

[Brexit and Pet Travel](#)

[Brexit and UK Defence: An Explainer](#)

[Brexit and trade in services](#)

[EU voters in England and Wales: Rights, regions and registers](#)

Institute for Government

[The four flaws in Boris Johnson's proposals for a rewritten Brexit deal](#)

UK in a Changing Europe

[A parliamentary majority without a policy and a government policy without a majority](#)

[Boris Johnson must pursue Brexit Party vote harder to win](#)

[Preparing the economy for a no deal Brexit](#)

[A territorial perspective on the UK proposals to replace the backstop](#)

[Have voters lost patience with the Brexit process?](#)

The Conversation

[Boris Johnson's Brexit plan: what his party conference speech revealed](#)

LSE Brexit

[Talking with British People of Colour in the EU27](#)

[The Supreme Court judges are oiling the democratic machine, not telling it what to produce](#)

[How Brexit reinvigorated the Welsh independence movement](#)

[More in common: the emotional experience of Brexit in the eyes of generations](#)

['Are they even aware that we can see them?' Working-class Britons on Brexit politics](#)

[Knowing Me, Not Knowing EU: how misunderstanding the EU means misunderstanding the UK \(and makes it harder to leave\)](#)

[Despite 'Global Britain', Britain will follow the European trade model for the next few years](#)

[From burdens to assets, and back again: shifting UK press portrayals of EU migrants](#)

[Boris Johnson's alternative to the backstop explained](#)

Other

[Brexit: make it or break it? \[What Think Tanks are thinking\]](#) (European Parliamentary Research Service Blog)

[Brexit and the Belfast \(Good Friday\) Agreement: Finding a way through the backstop impasse](#) (Open Europe)

[Manageable but Material: The consequences of No Deal and how the Government should respond](#) (Open Europe)

[The rebirth of British party politics?](#) (Cardiff Brexit blogs)