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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 8 – 29 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;** and **Follow-up work on Brexit preparedness.**

The most recent sessions of the EAAL Committee were:

- 14 October: The Committee held two round table discussions with academics, one on the scrutiny of UK-wide common policy frameworks, and one on the scrutiny of international agreements. Find the [transcript here](#).
- 21 October: The Committee held an evidence session with the Finnish Ambassador on the Finnish Presidency of the EU Council. This was followed by a round table discussion with academics on the Welsh Government's draft international strategy. Find the [transcript here](#).
- 24 October: The Committee held a Scrutiny session with Michael Gove MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. The session is available to watch on [Senedd TV](#).

On 14 October the Committee noted:

- **Consultation responses re Changes to freedom of movement after Brexit – the implications for Wales** - September 2019.
- **Correspondence from the Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language regarding international agreements** - 3 October 2019.

On 21 October the Committee noted:

- **Performance Report on the Welsh Government Overseas Network.**
- **Correspondence from the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster regarding common frameworks** - 14 October 2019.

- **Correspondence from the First Minister regarding questions not reached during the Committee meeting of 16 September 2019** - 15 October 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**. On 23 October the Committee published its report **The Welsh Government's proposed Sustainable Farming Scheme: restoring biodiversity**. In a press release **the Committee asked the Welsh Government** to put protecting endangered species and encouraging biodiversity at the heart of its post-Brexit farming policy.

At the 25 October meeting of the Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister the discussion focused on the latest development in relation to Brexit. The session is available to watch on [Senedd TV](#).

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. On 18 October the Committee received a **letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd: UK regulations relating to exiting the European Union**.

Plenary

15 October: Statement by the First Minister: **Constitutional Policy**.

22 October: **Statement by the First Minister: Update on Brexit; and Debate: Brexit**.

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

- [Brexit Negotiations Monitoring Report](#)
- [Brexit: Where are we now?](#)
- [Negotiations on the UK's withdrawal from the EU – Special Edition EU Council Summit](#)

Welsh Government

9 October: [Written Statement: Publication of UK temporary tariff regime](#).

10 October: [£2.6 million EU investment to bring jobs and businesses to the Rhondda Valleys](#).

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

10 October: [Written Statement: Reforming our Union: Shared Governance in the UK](#).

10 October: [First Minister calls for fundamental reform of the UK to secure the long-term future of the union](#).

15 October: [Oral Statement: Constitutional Policy](#).

21 October: [Welsh and Scottish First Ministers demand time to scrutinise Brexit deal](#).

24 October: [Written Statement: Joint Ministerial Committee \(European Negotiations\) and Joint Ministerial Committee \(Europe\)](#).

25 October: [Advertising contracts in a no deal Brexit](#).

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

30 October: [EU funding to help Law Lab deliver universal access to justice](#).

News

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

10 October: [Brecon & Radnor NFU Cymru members seek post-Brexit assurance from UK Government](#) (NFU Cymru)

14 October: [CLA responds to Queen's speech, Environmental and Agriculture Bills](#) (Country Land and Business Association (CLA))

17 October: [CLA reacts to news that EU and Boris Johnson have reached agreement on deal to leave](#) (CLA)

25 October: [UK 'Listed Status' Welcome but No 'Silver Bullet' For Exports](#) (Farmers Union of Wales (FUW))

EU Developments

European Council

16 October: **Main messages from the Tripartite Social Summit.**

17-18 October – European Council:

- **European Council (Art. 50) conclusions.**
- **Remarks by President Donald Tusk after the meeting of the European Council (Art. 50).**
- **European Council conclusions.**
- **Remarks by President Donald Tusk after the European Council meeting.**

22 October: **Report and concluding remarks by President Donald Tusk to the European Parliament on European Council meetings of 17 and 18 October 2019.**

29 October: **Brexit: European Council adopts decision to extend the period under Article 50. European Council decision taken in agreement with the United Kingdom extending the period under Article 50(3)TEU. Declaration of the European Council (Article 50).**

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.**

9 October: **EU budget 2021-2027, update on Brexit, Migration and geopolitical developments.**

9 October: **Statement by Michel Barnier at the European Parliament Plenary session.**

11 October: **Statement by the European Commission following today's meeting between Michel Barnier and Steve Barclay.**

13 October: **Brexit: European Commission statement following this weekend's technical talks with the United Kingdom.**

14 October: **EU trade agreements: delivering new opportunities in time of global economic uncertainties.**

16 October: **Joint statement and main messages following the Tripartite Social Summit.**

16 October: **Preparations for the October European Council: Migration, EU budget 2021-2027, update on Brexit, foreign affairs, enlargement and relations with Turkey.**

17 October: **Consolidated version of the Withdrawal Agreement following revision of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland and technical adaptations to Articles 184 and 185, as agreed at negotiators' level and endorsed by the European Council.**

17 October: **Brexit: European Commission recommends the European Council (Article 50) to endorse the agreement reached on the revised Protocol on Ireland / Northern Ireland and revised Political Declaration.** Documents linked to this press release:

- **Letter from President Jean-Claude Juncker to President Donald Tusk**
- **Revised Protocol on Ireland / Northern Ireland**
- **Revised Political Declaration**
- **European Commission Recommendation**
- **Questions & Answers**

17 October: **Remarks by Chief Negotiator Barnier at the press conference on the Commission Recommendation to the European Council to endorse the agreement reached on the revised Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland and revised Political Declaration.**

17 October: **Remarks by President Juncker at the joint press conference with Boris Johnson, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.**

18 October: **Proposal for a Council decision on the signing of the Withdrawal Agreement.**

21 October: **President Juncker at the European Council.**

22 October: **Speech by President Juncker in the Plenary of the European Parliament at the debate on the conclusions of the European Council meeting of 17 and 18 October 2019.**

24 October: **Commission proposes fishing opportunities in the Atlantic and North Sea for 2020.**

24 October: **State aid: Commission approves the British Capacity Market scheme.**

European Parliament

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

9 October: **President David Sassoli meets Speaker of the UK House of Commons John Bercow.**

9 October: **MEPs express concern over budget, climate change and Brexit negotiations.**

22 October: **MEPs adopt plan to keep 2020 EU funding for UK in no-deal Brexit scenario** - Plan to secure EU budget payments to UK beneficiaries like universities, local communities, farmers and Erasmus students - Decision contingent on UK paying its share into the EU budget.

22 October: **Financial support for workers affected by no-deal Brexit - Urgent aid for workers and self-employed persons across the EU27.**

22 October: **Donald Tusk presents EU summit conclusions for last time.**

22 October: **MEPs assess Juncker Commission.**

23 October: **Brexit: statement by EP President Sassoli following vote in Westminster.**

24 October: **Brexit: EP Group leaders support a flexible extension until 31/1/20.**

UK Developments

UK Government

10 October: **Joint Ministerial Committee (EU Negotiations) communiqué.**

11 October update: **International Agreements if the UK leaves the EU without a deal.**

14 October update: **No-Deal Readiness Report.**

14 October: **The Queen's Speech and associated background briefing.**

18 October: **Position of the Government on the terminability of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland to the Agreement on Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.**

18 October: **Revised Protocol to the Withdrawal Agreement; Revised Political Declaration; Unilateral Declaration on Consent; Explainer for the New Ireland/Northern Ireland Protocol and the Political Declaration on the future relationship.**

19 October: Documents laid in Parliament: **New Withdrawal Agreement; New Political Declaration; Declaration on consent in Northern Ireland; Statement that political agreement has been reached.**

19 October: **Formal notice of the request for an extension. Prime Minister's letter to Donald Tusk.**

21 October: **Government introduces landmark Withdrawal Agreement Bill to Parliament.**

22 October: **European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill: Regulatory Policy Committee opinion.**

22 October: **EU (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill.**

28 October: **Prime Minister's letter to Donald Tusk.**

29 October: **The European Union (Withdrawal) Act and Common Frameworks 26 June 2019 to 25 September 2019.**

House of Commons

- 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**.
- 14 October: The **Queen's Speech. Debate on the Address**.
- 15 October: **Britain's Place in the World**, and **continued**.
- 17 October: International Trade questions: **WTO Reform; EU Trade Agreements; Roll-over; Scotch Whisky Tariffs; Welsh Exports; Freeports**.
- 19 October: **Prime Minister's Statement**.
- 19 October: Motion on the **European Union (Withdrawal) Acts**.
- 21 October: Defence questions: **Leaving the EU: Defence Exports**.
- 21 October: Urgent question: **European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill and Extension Letter**.
- 21 October: Urgent question: **Northern Ireland: Restoring Devolution**.
- 21 October: Statement by the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster: **Preparations for Leaving the European Union**.
- 22 October: **Second Reading of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill**.
- 23 October: Cabinet Office questions: **Leaving the EU: UK Readiness**.
- 23 October: **Prime Ministers questions**, and **continued**.
- 24 October: Transport questions: **No-deal Brexit: Airports**.
- 24 October: Urgent question: **Checks on Goods: Northern Ireland and Great Britain**.
- 28 October: Home Department questions: **Leaving the EU: Unaccompanied Child Refugees in Europe; EU Settlement Scheme**.

- 28 October: Debate on an **Early Parliamentary General Election**.
- 28 October: Second Reading of the **Environment Bill**.
- 29 October: Urgent question on **Leaving the EU: Workers' Rights**.
- 29 October: *Early Parliamentary General Election Bill*: **Business of the House; Second Reading; Committee Stage**.
- 30 October: Northern Ireland questions: **Leaving the EU: Peace in Northern Ireland; Customs Regulations; Northern Ireland in the UK; Leaving the EU: Withdrawal Agreement**.
- 30 October: **Prime Ministers questions**.

Committees

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs:

- 15 October: **Committee Chair responds to new Environment Bill. Correspondence from the Secretary of State to the Chair on the Environment Bill**
- 17 October: **Environment Bill inquiry launched**.
- 17 October: **Pre-legislative scrutiny of the Draft Environment (Principles and Governance) Bill: Government Response to the Committee's 14th Report of Session 2017-19**.
- 23 October: Written evidence for the Is Defra ready for Brexit? Inquiry – **Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**.

Environmental Audit:

- 22 October: **Letter to the Secretary of State on the Environment Bill**.

Europe Scrutiny:

- 8 October: **74th Report - Documents considered by the Committee on 2 October 2019**.
- 16 October: **Committee hears from former UK permanent representative to the EU. Transcript**.

15-16 October: **Northern Ireland examined, and Stephen Barclay questioned ahead of European Council.**

22 October: **Documents considered by the Committee on 16 October 2019.** Includes: **Brexit: UK contributions to the EU budget in 2019 and 2020 in a ‘no deal’ scenario.**

29 October: **Documents considered by the Committee on 23 October 2019.**

Exiting the European Union:

15 October: **Northern Ireland examined, and Stephen Barclay questioned ahead of European Council. Northern Ireland Transcript. Secretary of State transcript.** Written evidence from: **Turkish Industry & Business Association (TÜSİAD); Jonathan Rush.**

17 October: **Letter to Secretary of State regarding the endorsement of a revised Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland and a revised Political Declaration.**

23 October: Evidence Session on The progress of the UK’s negotiations on EU withdrawal.

30 October: **Committee considers the state of play following ‘flexextension’.**

Home Affairs:

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

11 October: **Letter from the Home Secretary regarding the Home Office’s plans for immigration in the event that the UK leaves the EU without a Withdrawal Agreement.**

16 October: **Letter to the Home Secretary, regarding family reunion and the Dublin III Regulations.**

16 October: **Letter from the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster regarding No Deal Readiness Report.**

22 October: **Letter from Minister of State for Security and Deputy for EU Exit and No Deal Preparation, regarding UK-US data access.**

23 October: **Home Secretary questioned on Home Office preparations for Brexit. Transcript.** Written evidence from the **Home Office; Safe Passage International; Home Office** (NI-GB trade administration).

International Trade:

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

16 October: **Secretary of State questioned ahead of Brexit deadline. Transcript.**

17 October: **Government response to Trade Committee investment policy report “less than encouraging”:** Report - **UK investment policy: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2017-19.**

30 October: **Committee examines impact of Withdrawal Agreement on post-Brexit UK trade policy.**

Liaison:

23 October: **Prime Minister pulls out of evidence session with Committee. Letter from the Prime Minister. Letter to the Prime Minister.**

Northern Ireland Affairs:

16 October: Implications of the EU withdrawal agreement and the backstop for Northern Ireland inquiry – written evidence from **Katy Hayward; Alternative Arrangements Commission.**

23 October: **Secretary of State questioned on new Brexit deal, historical abuse and Stormont.**

Procedure:

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.**

14 October: **Letter from the Leader of the House concerning the scrutiny of urgent procedure SIs before 31 October 2019.**

19 October: **Letter from the Leader of the House concerning the scrutiny of urgent procedure SIs before 31 October 2019.**

29 October: **Letter from the Leader of the House concerning the scrutiny of urgent procedure SIs before 31 October 2019.**

Public Accounts:

15 October: **Letter from Bernadette Kelly in relation to freight capacity follow up.** Annex: **Freight capacity routes.**

17 October: **Letter from NHS England to Chair, regarding Exiting the EU: supplying the Health and Social Care sectors.**

25 October: **Letter from John Manzoni regarding public information campaign 'Get Ready for Brexit'.**

28 October: Ensuring food safety and standards inquiry evidence session. **Transcript.** Written evidence from the **National Farmers Union; Association of Convenience Stores; Federation of Wholesale Distributors; British Association for Nutrition and Lifestyle Medicine; Dr William Mason.**

Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs:

8 October: Written evidence for The Role of Parliament in the UK Constitution: The Scrutiny of International Treaties and other Agreements inquiry: **Jill Barrett; Foreign and Commonwealth Office.**

8 October: **Committee explores Prorogation and the Constitutional implications of the Supreme Court's Judgment. Transcript.** Written evidence from **Steven Spadizer; Professor Richard Ekins.**

16 October: **Letter from Sir Mark Sedwill and John Manzoni to the Chair on Civil Service impartiality and no deal planning.**

Scottish Affairs:

16 October: **The future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit: Government Response.**

16 October: **Letter to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, regarding the Government's response to the Committee's report on 'the future of Scottish agriculture post-Brexit.'**

16 October: **Committee question Secretary of State for Scotland on the Scotland Office priorities for the upcoming months. Transcript.**

Treasury:

8 October: Regional Imbalances in the UK Economy inquiry - Written evidence from: **Welsh Government - Minister for Finance and Trefnydd. Liverpool City Region Combined Authority;** the **OECD;** and **Institute for Public Policy Research North.**

16 October: **Letter from Chair of the European Scrutiny Committee to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, regarding UK contributions to the EU budget after 31 October 2019.**

18 October: **Chancellor to confirm or update economic analysis of Brexit. Letter to the Chancellor.**

21 October: **Letter from Chancellor, regarding EU exit economic analysis.**

30 October: Evidence Session on Regional imbalances in the UK.

House of Lords

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

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

14 October: The **Queen's Speech.**

15 October: Debate on the **Queen's Speech.**

17 October: Question: **Brexit: Customs Controls at Holyhead.**

19 October: Motion on **Brexit.**

21 October: Debate on the **Queen's Speech.**

21 October: Statement on **Brexit.**

21 October: Statement on **Brexit: Preparations**.

21 October: Debate on the **Queen's Speech**.

22 October: Debate on the **Queen's Speech**.

23 October: Question on the **EU Settlement Scheme**.

24 October: Statement on **Brexit: Movement of Goods between Northern Ireland and Great Britain**.

29 October: Statement on **Brexit: Workers' Rights**.

29 October: First Reading of the **Early Parliamentary General Election Bill**.

Committees

Constitution:

23 October: **Parliamentarians and academics give their views on the Fixed-term Parliaments Act 2011**.

Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform:

29 October: **1st Report of Session 2019-20 - Early Parliamentary General Election Bill**.

EU Select:

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

8 October: Evidence Session: Scrutiny of Brexit negotiations. **Transcript**.

21 October: **Brexit Secretary questioned on the latest Brexit developments**. **Transcript**.

22 October: **Treaty with the Republic of Korea drawn to the special attention of the House** - 17th report - **Scrutiny of international agreements; treaties considered on 21 October 2019**.

29 October: **EU Committee takes evidence on the revised protocol on Ireland / Northern Ireland**.

EU Energy & Environment Sub-Committee:

16 October: **Defra's no deal Brexit preparations: Minister to give evidence**. **Transcript**.

16 October: **Letter from the Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP regarding post-Brexit carbon pricing**.

16 October: **Letter to the Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP**.

EU External Affairs Sub-Committee:

16 October: **Brexit: the customs challenge - Government response to the Committee's follow up letter**.

EU Financial Affairs Sub-Committee:

23 October: **Deal or no deal, the UK should honour its financial obligations** - Report: **Brexit: the financial settlement**.

EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee:

11 October: **Asylum policy after Brexit considered in new report** - Report: **Brexit: refugee protection and asylum policy**.

30 October: **Local authorities share their experiences of refugee resettlement**.

EU Internal Market Sub-Committee:

17 October: **What are the sectoral implications of abolishing seasonal time changes? Transcript**. Written evidence from: **Royal Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries; Turkish Industry & Business Association (TÜSİAD); Chris Pearce; Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy; Royal Museums of Greenwich**; and **Jonathan Skeet**.

24 October 2019: **Minister questioned on EU proposal to end clock changes**. **Transcript**. Written evidence from **Dr Katy Hayward and Ben Rosher; Ministry of Transport and Communications of Finland**; and **National Farmers' Union Scotland**.

EU Justice Sub-Committee:

9 October: **Letter from James Duddridge MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union about citizens' rights.**

22 October: **Committee again considers position of UK citizens in EU post-Brexit.**

29 October: **Post-Brexit rights of UK citizens living in EU concerns Committee - Letter to James Duddridge MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union.**

News

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** (Road Haulage Association (RHA))

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

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

10 October: **Nissan Europe 'unsustainable' in no-deal Brexit** (BBC)

11 October: **Government faces industry backlash on Brexit plans** (BBC)

11 October: **Aerospace industry seeks Brexit reassurance** (BBC)

11 October: **BCC and Bibby Financial Services: Uncertainty around Brexit, tariffs and exchange rates holding back UK exports** (BCC)

14 October: **CBI responds to Queen's speech** (Confederation of British Industry (CBI))

14 October: **British Retail Consortium responds to the Queen's Speech** (British Retail Consortium (BRC))

14 October: **Get business ready for Brexit, RHA urges Government** (RHA)

15 October: **UK Auto gives reality check on 'no deal' Brexit, as new survey shows one in three firms already shedding jobs** (Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders)

15 October: **New Make UK & Squire Patton Boggs research shows true scale of Brexit impact** (Make UK)

15 October: **Government's Brexit threats hitting jobs** (Trades Union Congress (TUC))

16 October: **The UK border: preparedness for EU exit October 2019** (National Audit Office)

16 October: **Brexit uncertainty harming UK science** (The Royal Society)

17 October: **BCC comments on proposed Brexit agreement** (BCC)

17 October: **Our response to the new UK-EU agreement** (CBI)

17 October: **The Brexit deal explained** (Politico)

17 October: **Boris Johnson's deal would be a disaster for working people** (TUC)

18 October: **FTA comments on the government's latest Brexit announcement** (Freight Transport Association (FTA))

18 October: **Brexit: Make UK recognises the importance of an agreement but points to challenges** (Make UK)

19 October: **BCC comments on today's events in Parliament** (BCC)

21 October: **Brexit deal agreed** (Fishing News)

22 October: **Declining EU net migration hits the logistics sector** (FTA)

23 October: **UK creative industries crown must gleam brightly Post-Brexit** (CBI)

24 October: **Unlock the Brexit deal for Northern Ireland economy - CBI President** (CBI)

24 October: **Road and air Brexit contingency measures welcomed** (FTA)

28 October: **“UK cannot teeter on the edge of Brexit indefinitely”** (BRC)

28 October: **Retailers report record high stock levels as Brexit deadline looms** (CBI)

29 October: **Brexit extension must be put to good use** (RHA)

Scotland

Scottish Parliament

Brexit Update: **14 October**. **28 October**.

Scottish Parliament Information Centre: **The revised deal on the UK’s withdrawal from the EU; Sitting of the UK Parliament on 19 October. The European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill - Implications for Scotland.**

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

21 October: Finance and Constitution Committee: **The Committee took evidence on Brexit from the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP.**

Scottish Government

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

9 October: **Rural and island areas among most vulnerable to impact of Brexit.**

14 October: **Settled status advice for EU citizens.**

14 October: **Queen’s Speech: Scotland’s voice must be heard on Brexit.**

16 October: **Seed potato Brexit concerns.**

16 October: **Preparing for ‘no deal’ Brexit** - Steps to mitigate impact on medicine supplies.

21 October: **Scotland’s population projections** - Inward migration the only driver of population growth.

21-22 October: **Withdrawal Agreement Bill** - Scottish and Welsh First Ministers demand time to scrutinise Brexit deal. **Legislative Consent Memorandum published.**

25 October: **Support for EU citizens.**

28 October: **Supporting businesses through Brexit.**

29 October: **Safeguarding environmental standards** - Advisory body plan for 'no deal' Brexit.

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.**

UK-Ireland relations

9 October: Seanad Special Committee on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union: Evidence sessions on the **Implications for Ireland of the Withdrawal of the UK from the EU in Regard to the Education and Research Sector; Implications for Ireland of the Withdrawal of the UK from the EU in Regard to the Energy Sector.**

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

16 October: **Statement by An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar in advance of the European Council.**

19 October: **Statement by An Taoiseach.**

23 October: **An Taoiseach speaks with President Tusk.**

Reports published

[House of Commons Library](#)

Brexit and UK Defence: An Explainer

Brexit and trade in services

EU voters in England and Wales: Rights, regions and registers

Getting divorced if there is a no-deal Brexit

How might Brexit affect UK overseas aid spending?

The October 2019 EU UK Withdrawal Agreement

Revisions to the Political Declaration on the framework for future EU-UK relations

UK's Withdrawal from the European Union

Brexit deal: Potential economic impact

[Institute for Government](#)

It is right for the Queen to consider her possible role in the Brexit showdown

A Brexit breakthrough is possible - but perhaps not in time for the deadline

No Deal Brexit and the Union

Seven flashpoints in the Withdrawal Agreement Bill

The government's Brexit legislation raises as many questions as it answers

Another missed deadline could have long-term implications for Brexit readiness

UK in a Changing Europe

[Johnson's Brexit proposals and the Good Friday Agreement](#)

[Johnson's Brexit leaves UK economy worse off than May's](#) – Report: [The economic impact of Boris Johnson's Brexit proposals](#)

[Why Brexit talks have stalled over Boris Johnson's plans for the Irish border](#)

[Survey reveals complexities and sensitivities involved in managing UK's withdrawal from EU for Irish border region residents](#)

[Shining a light on consent and democracy in Northern Ireland](#)

[No deal Brexit uncertainties in the UK's financial services sector extend beyond London](#)

[Have UK voters changed their minds on Brexit?](#)

[Boris Johnson's Brexit deal: what's in it and how is it different to Theresa May's version?](#)

[Do voters support Boris Johnson's Brexit deal?](#)

[Law-making in the UK post-exit, who gets to call the shots?](#)

[Economic consequences of Brexit for firms and people in Northern Ireland](#)

[No Brexit deal can represent the “will of the people” without women in the negotiations](#)

[Legislating for EU withdrawal: do the devolved institutions really have ‘no role’?](#)

[Brexit is not just a British creation](#)

[Boris Johnson's Brexit deal poses a rules-of-origin conundrum](#)

The Conversation

[Arrogance destroyed the World Trade Organisation. What replaces it will be even worse](#)

[Even with a deal, even with an election, these Brexit questions will still need to be answered](#)

[The terms of the third Brexit extension explained](#)

LSE Brexit

[Northern Ireland depends on the EU's fluid borders for survival](#)

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