



# COMMONS EUROPEAN BUSINESS

A guide to the coming week's EU related business in the House of Commons

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This guide summarises the main EU related work of the House of Commons during the week ahead. It is broadly arranged by subject matter. It contains details of the business on the Floor of the House, Westminster Hall debates, European Committee debates and the work of Select Committees. Additionally, it provides links to transcripts of recent debates and reports on EU related matters. *Commons European Business* is produced and distributed by the UK National Parliament Office, Brussels.

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Business in the Commons Chamber		
	Questions to Minister	Debate
<b>Monday</b>		
2:30PM	Housing, Communities and Local Government	Debate - Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993
<b>Tuesday</b>		
11:30AM	Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	
<b>Wednesday</b>		
11:30AM	Wales	
12:00PM	Prime Minister's Question Time	
<b>Thursday</b>		
9:30AM	Exiting the European Union	
<b>Friday</b>		
N/A	N/A	N/A

All timings are indicative and subject to progress of other business

A complete listing of business can be found at: <http://services.parliament.uk/calendar/>

Oral ministerial statements are usually announced on the day: phone 0044 (0)20 7219 4272 for details

For a full list of debates taking place see <http://services.parliament.uk/calendar/>

## Westminster Hall Debates

### Day

No forthcoming Westminster Hall debates on matters of European business.

## Transcripts of Recent Debate on the Floor of the House

Date	Subject
5th March 2018	<a href="#">UK/EU Future Economic Partnership</a>
7th March 2018	<a href="#">European Union Citizenship</a>
14th March 2018	<a href="#">European Affairs</a>
15th March 2018	<a href="#">Exiting the European Union</a>
15th March 2018	<a href="#">European Affairs</a>
19th March 2018	<a href="#">Leaving the EU: UK Ports (Customs)</a>
20th March 2018	<a href="#">Leaving the EU: Fisheries Management</a>
26th March 2018	<a href="#">UK Passport Contract</a>
26th March 2018	<a href="#">European Council</a>
26th March 2018	<a href="#">EU Referendum: Electoral Law</a>
27th March 2018	<a href="#">EU Referendum: Electoral Law</a>
18th April 2018	<a href="#">Leaving the EU: Scotland and Wales Continuity Bills</a>

## Transcripts of Recent Westminster Hall Debate

Date	Subject
21st March 2018	<a href="#">UK-EU: International Development</a>
28th March 2018	<a href="#">Leaving the EU: Legal Services</a>
29th March 2018	<a href="#">Leaving the EU: Justice System</a>
17th April 2018	<a href="#">Leaving the EU: Tourism and the Creative Industries</a>
17th April 2018	<a href="#">Leaving the EU: Future Trade Remedies</a>
18th April 2018	<a href="#">Leaving the EU Veterinary Profession in Wales</a>

Foreign Affairs; Development; International Trade; Security and Defence

## Select Committee Inquiries

Select Committee	Subject
<a href="#">Foreign Affairs</a>	<a href="#">The Future of Britain's Diplomatic Relations with Europe Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">International Trade</a>	<a href="#">Continuing Application of EU Trade Agreements after Brexit Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Defence</a>	<a href="#">DExEU Position Paper Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">International Trade</a>	<a href="#">Implications of Arrangements for Ireland-Northern Ireland Border for Wider UK Trade Policy Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Scottish Affairs</a>	<a href="#">Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment Inquiry</a>

## Committee Reports / Recent Oral and Written Evidence

Date	Select Committee	Subject
7th March 2018	<a href="#">International Trade</a>	<a href="#">Continuing Application of EU Trade Agreements after Brexit</a>

## Economic and Monetary Affairs

### Select Committee Inquiries

Select Committee	Subject
<a href="#">Public Accounts</a>	<a href="#">Brexit and the Future of Customs Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Treasury</a>	<a href="#">The UK's Economic Relationship with the European Union Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Public Accounts</a>	<a href="#">Exiting the European Union Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Public Accounts</a>	<a href="#">Exiting the European Union: The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Public Accounts</a>	<a href="#">Implementing EU Exit: DEFRA Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Public Accounts</a>	<a href="#">Implementing EU Exit: DIT Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Public Accounts</a>	<a href="#">Implementing EU Exit : The Financial Settlement</a>

## Employment and Social Affairs

### Select Committee Inquiries

Select Committee	Subject
<a href="#">Work and Pensions</a>	<a href="#">The Future of the European Social Fund Inquiry</a>

### Committee Reports / Recent Oral and Written Evidence

Date	Select Committee	Subject
4th April 2018	<a href="#">Work and Pensions</a>	<a href="#">European Social Fund</a>

## Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

### Select Committee Inquiries

Select Committee	Subject
<a href="#">Environment, Food and Rural Affairs</a>	<a href="#">Brexit: Trade in Food Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Health</a>	<a href="#">Brexit: Medicines, Medical Devices and Substances of Human Origin Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Environmental Audit</a>	<a href="#">The Future of Chemicals Regulation after the EU Referendum Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Environment, Food and Rural Affairs</a>	<a href="#">Trade in Sugar Post-Brexit Inquiry</a>

### Committee Reports / Recent Oral and Written Evidence

Date	Select Committee	Subject
21st March 2018	<a href="#">Health</a>	<a href="#">Brexit: Medicines, Medical Devices and Substances of Human Origin</a>

## Industry, Research and Energy

### Select Committee Inquiries

Select Committee	Subject
<a href="#">Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy</a>	<a href="#">Brexit and the Implications for UK Business: Aerospace Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy</a>	<a href="#">Brexit and the Implications for UK Business: Automotive Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy</a>	<a href="#">Brexit and the Implications for UK Business: Civil Nuclear Sector Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy</a>	<a href="#">Brexit and the Implications for UK Business: Pharmaceuticals Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy</a>	<a href="#">Brexit and the Implications for UK Business: Processed Food and Drink Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Public Accounts</a>	<a href="#">Exiting the European Union: Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Inquiry</a>

### Committee Reports / Recent Oral and Written Evidence

Date	Select Committee	Subject
19th March 2018	<a href="#">Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy</a>	<a href="#">The Impact of Brexit on the Aerospace Sector</a>
21st March 2018	<a href="#">Science and Technology</a>	<a href="#">Brexit, Science and Innovation</a>
22nd April 2018	<a href="#">Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy</a>	<a href="#">The Impact of Brexit on the Processed Food and Drink Sector</a>
25th April 2018	<a href="#">Public Accounts</a>	<a href="#">Exiting the European Union: The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy</a>

## Internal Market and Consumer Protection

### Select Committee Inquiries

Select Committee	Subject
<a href="#">Public Accounts</a>	<a href="#">Brexit and the Borders Inquiry</a>

### Committee Reports / Recent Oral and Written Evidence

Date	Select Committee	Subject
3rd April 2018	<a href="#">European Scrutiny</a>	<a href="#">Value Added Tax: EU Proposals for Reform and the Implications of Brexit</a>

## Transport and Tourism

### Select Committee Inquiries

Select Committee	Subject
<a href="#">Transport</a>	<a href="#">Aviation and Brexit Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Transport</a>	<a href="#">Freight and Brexit Inquiry</a>

## Agriculture and Rural Development

### Forthcoming European Committee / Select Committee Meetings

Date	Committee	Issue
1st May 2018	<a href="#">Welsh Affairs</a>	Oral evidence session on <b>Brexit: Agriculture, Trade and the Repatriation of Powers</b> with <b>George Eustice MP</b> (Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs)

### Select Committee Inquiries

Select Committee	Subject
<a href="#">Welsh Affairs</a>	<a href="#">Brexit: Agriculture, Trade and the Repatriation of Powers Inquiry</a>

## Fisheries

### Forthcoming European Committee / Select Committee Meetings

Date	Committee	Issue
2nd May 2018	<a href="#">Northern Ireland Affairs</a>	Oral evidence session on <b>Brexit and Northern Ireland: Fisheries</b> with <b>Dr Jade Berman</b> (Living Seas Manager, Ulster Wildlife), <b>Dr Kenneth Bodles</b> (Marine Conservation Officer, RSPB Northern Ireland) and <b>Mrs Jennifer Fulton</b> (Vice-Chair, Northern Ireland Environment Link)

### Select Committee Inquiries

Select Committee	Subject
<a href="#">Northern Ireland Affairs</a>	<a href="#">Fisheries Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Environment, Food and Rural Affairs</a>	<a href="#">Fisheries Inquiry</a>

## Culture and Education

### Select Committee Inquiries

Select Committee	Subject
<a href="#">Digital, Culture, Media and Sport</a>	<a href="#">Impact of Brexit on UK Creative Industries, Tourism and the Single Digital Market Inquiry</a>

## Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

### Select Committee Inquiries

Select Committee	Subject
<a href="#">Home Affairs</a>	<a href="#">Home Office Delivery of Brexit: Immigration Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Home Affairs</a>	<a href="#">Home Office Delivery of Brexit: Customs Operations Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Home Affairs</a>	<a href="#">Home Office Delivery of Brexit: Policing and Security Cooperation Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Home Affairs</a>	<a href="#">Post-Brexit Migration Policy Inquiry</a>

### Committee Reports / Recent Oral and Written Evidence

Date	Select Committee	Subject
21st March 2018	<a href="#">Home Affairs</a>	<a href="#">UK-EU Security Cooperation after Brexit</a>

## Constitutional Affairs

### Forthcoming European Committee / Select Committee Meetings

Date	Committee	Issue
30th April 2018	<a href="#">Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs</a>	Oral evidence session on <b>Devolution and Exiting the EU</b> with <b>Professor Michael Keating</b> (Professor of Politics, Aberdeen University), <b>Professor Aileen McHarg</b> (Professor of Public Law, Strathclyde University), <b>Adam Tomkins MSP</b> (Scottish Conservatives), <b>Richard Leanoard MSP</b> (Leader of Scottish Labour), <b>Willie Rennie MSP</b> (Leader of Scottish Liberal Democrats), <b>Patrick Harvie MSP</b> (Co-Leader of Scottish Green) and <b>Mike Russell MSP</b> (Minister for UK Negotiation of Scotland's Place in Europe)
2nd May 2018	<a href="#">Procedure</a>	Oral evidence session on <b>Exiting the European Union: Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation</b> with <b>Rt Hon Andrea Leadsom MP</b> (Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons) and <b>Mr Steve Baker MP</b> (Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department for Exiting the European Union)

### Select Committee Inquiries

Select Committee	Subject
<a href="#">Procedure</a>	<a href="#">Exiting the European Union: Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs</a>	<a href="#">Devolution and Exiting the EU Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Scottish Affairs</a>	<a href="#">European Union (Withdrawal) Bill: Implications for Devolution Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Communities and Local Government</a>	<a href="#">Brexit and Local Government Inquiry</a>



## Horizontal Issues

### Forthcoming European Committee / Select Committee Meetings

Date	Committee	Issue
2nd May 2018	<a href="#">Exiting the European Union</a>	Oral evidence session on <b>The Progress of the UK's Negotiations on EU Withdrawal</b> with <b>Jill Barrett</b> (Visiting Reader, Queen Mary University Law School), <b>Sir Jonathan Faull</b> (former Director General, European Commission) and <b>Agata Gostynska-Jakubowska</b> (Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Reform)

### Select Committee Inquiries

Select Committee	Subject
<a href="#">Exiting the European Union</a>	<a href="#">The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Exiting the European Union</a>	<a href="#">The Progress of the UK's Negotiations on EU Withdrawal Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Northern Ireland Affairs</a>	<a href="#">The Land Border Between Northern Ireland and Ireland Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Exiting the European Union</a>	<a href="#">Department for Exiting the European Union Sectoral Analyses Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">Northern Ireland Affairs</a>	<a href="#">Brexit and Northern Ireland Inquiry</a>
<a href="#">European Scrutiny</a>	<a href="#">EU Withdrawal Inquiry</a>

### Committee Reports / Recent Oral and Written Evidence

Date	Select Committee	Subject
16th March 2018	<a href="#">Northern Ireland Affairs</a>	<a href="#">The Land Border Between Northern Ireland and Ireland</a>
18th March 2018	<a href="#">Exiting the European Union</a>	<a href="#">The Progress of the UK's Negotiations on EU Withdrawal: December 2017 to March 2018</a>
20th March 2018	<a href="#">European Scrutiny</a>	<a href="#">EU Withdrawal: Transitional Provisions and Dispute Resolution</a>
4th April 2018	<a href="#">Exiting the European Union</a>	<a href="#">The Future UK-EU Relationship</a>

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## General Information

### Glossary

**Adjournment Debate:** A half-hour debate at the end of each day's sitting introduced by an individual backbench MP and responded to by a Government Minister. Often an opportunity to raise a constituency issue.

**Questions to Ministers:** The first hour each day except Friday is devoted to Oral Questions to Ministers. Each Government Department has a slot once every five sitting weeks.

**Second Reading:** The first debate on a Bill, at which the House is asked to give approval to the principles of the Bill. No changes can be made to the text of the Bill at this stage. Detailed consideration in Committee follows.

**General Committees:** (formerly called Standing Committees) Usually, Committees of between 16 and 50 MPs. Public Bill Committees are the type of General Committee which examine the detail of Bills which have had a second reading (and some of which will take evidence). Other General Committees include the Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Grand Committees, which usually debate issues, Delegated Legislation Committees, which debate delegated legislation, and European Committees, which hold debates, and question Ministers, on EU documents.

**Third Reading:** The final debate on a Bill as amended in Committee and at Report stage, before the Bill is sent to the Lords for consideration (or, in the case of a Lords Bill, for consideration of any amendments made by the Commons).

**Backbench MP:** A Backbench MP is a Member of Parliament who holds no official position in government or in his or her party.

**Report Stage:** The House considers the Bill in the form in which it has emerged from Committee stage. Further amendments and new clauses may be put forward at this stage.

**Select Committee:** Cross-party Committees of backbench MPs appointed to consider particular subjects. Departmental Select Committees investigate the expenditure, administration and policy of each Government Department.

**Ten Minute Rule Bill:** An opportunity for a backbench MP to "seek leave" to introduce a Bill in a 10-minute speech. An opponent may speak against, also for 10 minutes, after which there can be a vote.

**Westminster Hall Debate:** The "parallel Chamber" which sits three days a week, mostly debating subjects raised by backbenchers, and Select Committee Reports. "Cross-cutting" sessions of Oral Questions, on topics which affect several Government Departments, are also held.

Proceedings in the House of Commons Chamber and Westminster Hall can be viewed live via a webcast. All committees are also webcast, although in some cases this is in audio only and not live. Details can be found at:

<http://www.parliamentlive.tv/>

### Useful Links

A complete list of EU Documents referred to European Committee can be found at  
<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmeudoc/cmeudoc.htm>

A complete list of European Committee Transcripts for the current Session can be found at  
<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/hansard/commons/gc-debates/european-committee/>

A short guide to the European Scrutiny System of the House of Commons can be found at  
<http://www.parliament.uk/documents/upload/TheEuroScrutinySystemintheHoC.pdf>

Details of all documents yet to be cleared by the European Scrutiny Committee can be found at  
<http://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons-committees/european-scrutiny/Remaining%20Business.pdf>