



First Minister
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Dear First Minister,

Publication of Welsh Brexit Impact Study

Understanding the impact of Brexit on the Welsh economy is critical for policy makers, business and everyone in Wales. For this reason, I request clarity as to whether the Welsh Government is in possession of a Brexit impact study on the Welsh economy from the UK Government.

If the Welsh Government is in possession of such a document, I demand that it is made publicly available. Regardless of whether the UK Government releases or undertakes such an impact study, it would be a negligent and irresponsible for the Welsh Government not to publish its own analysis.

With the UK Government now committed to publishing 58 sectoral impact assessments, it would go against the spirit of democracy and it would be logically inconsistent for them not to publish any analysis they hold in relation to Brexit's impact on the Welsh economy.

The Secretary of State for Scotland, David Mundell MP, indicated that a UK Government created Scottish impact study would be passed to the Holyrood administration. This has been thrown into question however, after he gave evidence to the Scottish Parliament's Europe Committee on Thursday 2 November. During the evidence session, Mr Mundell indicated that "*there is not a Scotland-specific analysis - there is analysis of these [58] sectors and how they apply within Scotland*".

Further to this, during a House of Commons debate on the Brexit impact assessments (Wednesday 1 November), UK Government Brexit Minister, Robin Walker MP, indicated that no Scottish or Welsh Brexit impact studies exist (Hansard: Vol. 630, Col. 893).

I urge you to clarify whether you know of, or have access to, any UK Government analysis of Brexit's impact on the Welsh economy. If so, it is imperative that the Welsh Government publish this information at the earliest possible opportunity.

Brexit is the biggest economic, social and political challenge to face Wales since the National Assembly for Wales came into being. It is therefore vital that Welsh policy makers and people understand its impact. Regardless as to whether the UK Government has undertaken its own analysis, it is the responsibility of the Welsh Government to produce such information.

In the spirit of democracy, transparency and fact-based policy making, I am calling on you to publish a Welsh Government Brexit impact assessment, which outlines in full your administration's view as to how Brexit will impact the Welsh economy.

The plethora of independent analysis that already exists shows the profound impact Brexit will have on the Welsh economy – whether it is the 200,000 Welsh jobs dependent on trade within the EU Single Market and Customs Union; the net £245million received by Wales from the EU; or the importance of European markets for our agriculture industry.

The EU referendum campaign was marred by disinformation and the obfuscation of the truth. We must learn from this and ensure clarity and democratic accountability prevails over establishment interests.

Best wishes,



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