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1. 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 20 June – 4 July 2018, although reference is made to later events where information is available at time of final drafting.

2. 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 an inquiry into **Wales' Future Relationship with the EU and the World- Part two** and an inquiry into **EU law in Wales: What happens during the Brexit Transition?**

The most recent sessions of the EAAL Committee were:

- 25 June: The Committee held an evidence session on Hub Cymru Africa. **Transcript.**
- 2 July: The Committee held a scrutiny session with Mark Drakeford, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, and Rebecca Evans, Minister for Housing and Regeneration. **Transcript.**

On 25 June EAAL considered correspondence from:

- **The Llywydd to the First Minister on the EU Withdrawal Bill;**
- **The Llywydd to Karl Heinz Lambertz, President of the Committee of the Regions;**
- **Gregg Hands, the then Minister of State for Trade on future trading relationships;**

- **The Cabinet Secretary for Finance on the Committee's transition inquiry;**
- **The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Exiting the EU on the Committee's transition inquiry;**
- **The Cabinet Secretary for Economy to Angus MacNeil MP, Chair of the House of Commons Select Committee on International Trade, regarding UK trade strategy post Brexit.**

On 2 July EAAL considered **correspondence** from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance on the new Ministerial Forum on Brexit.

David Rees and Mick Antoniw attended the Interparliamentary Forum on Brexit in the House of Commons on 21 June. The Forum focussed on intergovernmental relations and common frameworks. **Statement issued by the Forum.**

From 25-27 June David Rees was in Brussels, meeting representatives of Canada, Ireland, Norway, Noord Holland, Bavaria, the Basque country, the European Council, the European Parliament, and the Committee of the Regions.

19 June: Plenary debate on the **Second Anniversary of the EU Referendum.**

26 June: Plenary Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport: The Recent **Airbus Group Announcement.**

26 June: Plenary Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services: **Brexit–The Risks for the Future of Health and Social Care in Wales.**

3 July: Plenary Statement by the Counsel General: **Supreme Court Reference: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill.**

3 July: Plenary Debate: **Brexit and the Fishing Industry.**

The Research Service's own blogs are published on **In Brief**. The latest Brexit blogs are **Brexit and Welsh Fisheries; What has Airbus said about Brexit, and does it matter? ; Environmental governance post-Brexit: closing the 'governance gap'; What do the European Commission's latest proposals for the next Erasmus+ programme mean for Wales?; What happens now to the Sewel Convention? ; Brexit and Welsh universities and colleges: what are the challenges, and are there any opportunities? ; New Publication: A New Perspective on UK Common Frameworks: the opportunities for the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in Wales;**

Other

The Finance Committee has launched an inquiry into **preparations for replacing EU funding for Wales**. Consultation responses can be viewed on the **Committee's webpages**. On 21 June the Committee took evidence from the Bevan Foundation, the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, Professor Steve Fothergill, Sheffield Hallam University, Professor David Bell, University of Sterling and Professor Terry Marsden, Cardiff University. **Transcript**.

On 27 June the Finance Committee took evidence from Lesley Griffiths and Mark Drakeford. **Transcript**.

The Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee is carrying out an inquiry into common UK frameworks required in the absence of EU law when we leave the EU - **UK common frameworks on agriculture and environment**. The Committee has also responded to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs consultation on '**Health and Harmony: the future for food, farming and the environment in a Green Brexit**'. The Committee has launched an inquiry into the **Impacts of Brexit on Fisheries in Wales**, the consultation closed on 18 June, and it has **published the written evidence that it has received**. The Committee published its report **Environmental governance arrangements and environmental principles post-Brexit** on 27 June.

The Children, Young People and Education Committee is carrying out an inquiry into the Impact of Brexit on Higher and Further Education. The Committee issued a call for evidence which closed on 8 June 2018. The Committee held a roundtable session with stakeholders on 4 July 2018.

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**. The Committee is also undertaking an inquiry into Powers in the EU Withdrawal Bill to make subordinate legislation- operational matters and is expected to report shortly. The Committee **wrote to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance** on the intergovernmental agreement on the EU Withdrawal Bill on 19 June, the **Cabinet Secretary for Finance replied** on the same date. The Committee **wrote a follow up letter** to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance on 21 June.

Welsh Government

26 June: **Brexit poses threat to NHS, Health Secretary warns**.

29 June: Written Statement - **Thirtieth Summit of the British Irish Council.**

2 July: **Economy Secretary to hold Brexit trade talks with North Wales Businesses.**

2 July: **Kirsty Williams confirms EU student funding guarantee for Welsh universities.**

3 July: **Over £1m to promote Welsh seafood at home and overseas post-Brexit.**

3 July: Oral Statement - **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill.**

News

18 June: **FUW President highlights stark contrast between EU and UK agri discussions.**

22 June: **Airbus UK exit warning for thousands of Welsh jobs** (BBC)

3. EU Developments

European Council

25 June: **Trade with Australia and New Zealand: negotiating directives made public.**

26 June: **Council authorises opening of negotiations with WTO members on Brexit-related adjustments.**

27 June: **Controls on cash entering and leaving the EU: Council endorses agreement.**

27 June: **Renewable energy: Council confirms deal reached with the European Parliament.**

27 June: **Invitation letter by President Donald Tusk to the members of the European Council ahead of their meetings on 28 and 29 June 2018.**

29 June: **The European Council establishes the composition of the European Parliament.**

29 June: **European Council conclusions.**

29 June: **European Council (Art. 50) conclusions.**

29 June: **Remarks by President Donald Tusk on the European Council meetings of 28-29 June 2018.**

European Commission

The Commission has published 66 '**Brexit 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.

4 June: Proposal for a Regulation - **complementing EU type-approval legislation with regard to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union.**

12 June: **Pending and planned legislative proposals for the purposes of Brexit preparedness (state of play 12 June 2018)**

18 June: **Programme of EU-UK Article 50 negotiations for 19-20 June 2018.**

19 June: **Speech by Michel Barnier at the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.**

19 June: **Joint statement from the negotiators of the European Union and the United Kingdom Government on progress of negotiations under Article 50 TEU on the United Kingdom's orderly withdrawal from the European Union.**

21 June: **Commission welcomes agreement between EU Member States on key files for a more social Europe.**

21 June: **Statement by President Jean-Claude Juncker at the joint press conference with Irish Taoiseach Leo Varadkar; Address by President Jean-Claude Juncker to the Joint Houses of the Oireachtas; Speech by President Juncker at the Honorary Doctorate award ceremony by the National University of Ireland.**

21 June: **A framework for the free flow of non-personal data in the EU.**

21 June: **EU and New Zealand launch trade negotiations.**

22 June: **Structure of government debt in 2017**-Debt mainly held by non-residents in half of the EU Member States-Long-term initial maturities largely prevail across Member States. (Eurostat)

22 June: **European Commission ready to start negotiations for a new ambitious partnership with 79 countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific.** **Factsheet.**

25 June: **EU and China discuss economic and trade relations at the 7th High-level Economic and Trade Dialogue.**

26 June: **Trade barriers: EU removes record number in response to surge in protectionism** - The **annual report on Trade and Investment Barriers**, released today, shows that the European Commission has eliminated the highest number ever of trade barriers faced by EU companies doing business abroad. European exporters reported a major increase in protectionism in 2017.

29 June: **New EU rules ensure better protection for 120 million holidaymakers this summer** - As of Sunday 1 July, travellers booking package holidays will enjoy stronger consumer rights.

30 June: **Celebrating the Customs Union: the world's largest trading bloc turns 50.** **Factsheet.**

2 July: **Rule of Law: Commission launches infringement procedure to protect the independence of the Polish Supreme Court.**

European Parliament

20 June: **Future ACP-EU partnership: MEPs agree on concrete objectives.**

25 June: **Multilingualism online: "Language barriers are a major challenge"** - **Own-initiative report by Jill Evans MEP**, awaiting Parliament 1st reading.

25 June: **Rule of law in Hungary: Parliament should ask Council to act, say committee MEPs.**

27 June: **EU Summit/Migration: Parliament calls for joint solutions based on solidarity.**

3 June: **Statement by the Brexit Steering Group on UK paper on EU citizens in the UK.**

News

19 June: Update of **Guidance for pharmaceutical companies to prepare for UK's withdrawal from EU** (European Medicines Agency)

21 June: **New Zealand-EU free trade agreement** - New Zealand is negotiating a free trade agreement with the European Union, one of the world's largest trading entities. We're aiming for a modern, high-quality agreement (NZ Government)

25 June: **Commission to EU27: Prepare airports for a 'no-deal' Brexit** (Politico)

25 June: **European Banking Authority publishes Opinion to hasten the preparations of financial institutions for Brexit** – “It is imperative that financial institutions in the EU27 and in the UK identify potential exposures and risk channels that may be affected, and the possible implications of the potential departure of the UK without a ratified Withdrawal Agreement in place”. **EU banking regulator: 'Inadequate' Brexit preparation risks financial instability** (Politico interview)

25 June: The European Central Bank has updated its webpage **Relocating to the euro area**.

A transition period could be useful in smoothing the process of the UK's withdrawal from the EU. However, there is still political uncertainty as to whether there will be a transition period. Legal certainty will only come with the ratification of the Withdrawal Agreement by all sides involved in the negotiations. The ECB is therefore not in a position to assume that such a transition period will be agreed upon.

By when do I have to submit an application if I wish to relocate to the euro area?

For those banks wishing to relocate to (or expand activities in) the euro area and needing an authorisation for their (expanded) activities post-Brexit, the ECB and national supervisors expect to receive authorisation applications as soon as possible but at the very latest by the end of Q2 2018*, with a view to obtaining the required authorisations before 29 March 2019. [*my emphasis, Q2 2018 ended on Saturday 30 June]

25 June: **Rotterdam port: the Netherlands should prepare better for Brexit** - The boss of the port of Rotterdam therefore wants to hold a trial in November in which the worst Brexit scenario is re-enacted in the port of Rotterdam. The test will include working with the extra paperwork (nu.nl, in Dutch)

26 June: **New EIB report: How to finance the future of European supercomputing**.

29 June: **EU to step up preparations for a no-deal Brexit** (Irish Times)

4. UK Developments

UK Government

18 June: **Programme: EU-UK Article 50 negotiations Brussels 19-20 June.**

19 June: **Joint statement on Withdrawal Agreement.**

21 June: **Technical note on coordination of external security.**

21 June: **PM statement at press conference with NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg.**

22 June: **Communique from the Joint Ministerial Council on EU negotiations JMC(EN).**

26 June: **PM speech to Times CEO Summit.**

26 June: **The EU (Withdrawal) Bill receives Royal Assent.**

27 June: **Communique from the Ministerial Forums on Brexit negotiations on 27 June.**

3 July: **Robin Walker: Securing the future of mutual recognition of professional qualifications.**

House of Commons

Brexit: 'sufficient progress' to move to phase 2 – House of Commons Library.

Brexit: the exit bill - House of Commons Library.

18 June: Debate on the **Sewel Convention.**

20 June: Northern Ireland Brexit questions: **Leaving the EU; Border Policing; Article 50 Negotiations; Agricultural Sector.**

20 June: **Prime Minister's questions.**

20 June: **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill** - Consideration of Lords message.

20 June: Debate on **NATO.**

20 June: Westminster Hall debate: **UK Intergovernmental Co-operation**.

21 June: Statement and questions on the **EU Settlement Scheme**.

21 June: Debate on the **Erasmus Plus Programme**.

25 June: Question on **Higher Education: EU Students**.

25 June: Urgent question on **Leaving the EU: Airbus Risk Assessment**.

26 June: The **Draft EU-Canada Trade Agreement Order** was approved.

26 June: The **EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement** was noted.

26 June: Debate on the **Haulage Permits and Trailer Registration Bill [Lords]**.

26 June: Westminster Hall debate: **Leaving the EU: Upland Farming**.

27 June: **Prime Minister's questions**.

28 June: International Trade questions: **Exports in Global Markets; Trade Deals with Developing Countries; US Tariffs; EU Countermeasures; Future Trade Agreements; Parliamentary Scrutiny**.

28 June: Debate on the Exiting the European Union Committee's report on **Leaving the EU: Parliamentary Scrutiny**.

2 July: Debate on the **June European Council**.

3 July: Treasury questions: **Leaving the Customs Union: Scotland; Leaving the EU: Agricultural Sector**.

3 July: Westminster Hall debate: **Leaving the EU: Implications for Scotland**.

Committees

European Scrutiny:

20 June: **32nd Report - Documents considered by the Committee**.

27 June: **Experts questioned on EU Withdrawal and the Irish border. Transcript**.

27 June: **Documents considered by the Committee on 27 June 2018**.

3 July: **Minister of State for Trade Policy questioned**.

4 July: Evidence Session on EU Withdrawal.

Exiting the EU:

20 June: **Guy Verhofstadt questioned on European Parliament's priorities. Transcript.**

28 June: **Parliament must be able to express its view in the event of no deal – Report: Parliamentary scrutiny and approval of the Withdrawal Agreement and negotiations on a future relationship.**

3 July: **Data Adequacy Decision should be secured from EU as soon as possible – Report: The progress of the UK's negotiations on EU withdrawal: Data.**

Home Affairs:

20 June: **Guy Verhofstadt questioned on post-Brexit migration. Transcript.**

26 June: Post-Brexit Migration Policy evidence session. **Transcript.** Written evidence from **Jonathan Portes.**

3 July: **Former Director of Europol questioned on post-Brexit security. Written evidence from David Davis.**

3 July: Post-Brexit migration policy inquiry – **written evidence from the Campaign for Science and Engineering.**

International Trade:

11 June: **Letter from Greg Hands on the new Trade Remedies Authority.**

20 June: **The International Trade Committee takes evidence for two of its inquiries.** The first panel examines Trade and the Commonwealth: developing countries (**Transcript**, written evidence from the **British Retail Consortium**) and the second examines UK trade policy transparency and scrutiny (**Transcript**, written evidence from the **Investment Association**).

4 July: **Implications of Irish border arrangements on future trade policy examined.**

Northern Ireland:

9 June: **Correspondence from George Eustice relating to Brexit and Northern Ireland's fishing industry.**

20 June: **Northern Ireland's livestock and dairy sector examined.**

20 June: **Written evidence from the Northern Ireland Marine Taskforce to the Inquiry on the Implications of Brexit for the Fishing Industry in Northern Ireland.**

21 June: **Correspondence from the Minister of State for Immigration relating to the Committee's inquiry into Existing passport processes.**

27 June: **Chief Constable Police Service Northern Ireland questioned. Transcript.**

4 July: **Secretary of State questioned on the work of Northern Ireland Office.**

Public Accounts:

25 June: **Treasury Minutes on the Government response to the Thirty-first to Thirty-seventh Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2017-2019** (Includes Exiting the European Union: Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy; Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Department for International Trade).

27 June: **Clarity on costs crucial to meaningful vote on Brexit** – Report: **Exiting the EU: the financial settlement.**

27 June: **Letter from Meg Hillier and Nick Morgan on the true costs of Brexit.**

28 June: **Chair: Businesses need certainty about post-Brexit customs.** Meg Hillier has commented on today's National Audit Office report examining progress with the Customs Declaration Service. National Audit Office: **Update on the Customs Declaration Service.**

Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs:

20 June: **Evidence Session with David Lidington on Devolution and Exiting the EU. Transcript.**

26 June: **Sadiq Khan questioned on devolution. Transcript.**

Science and Technology:

19 June: **Immigration rules that support science and innovation examined. Transcript.** Written evidence: **Wellcome; GARNet Advisory Committee Transcript of the Science and Technology Committee informal session.**

26 June: **Minister questioned on Galileo. Transcript.**

Scottish Affairs:

3 July: **Importance of geographical protections for Scottish trade examined.**

3 July: Scotland and Brexit: Trade and Foreign Investment inquiry: Written evidence: **Scottish Government; Universities Scotland.**

Transport:

18 June: Freight and Brexit inquiry written evidence: **Heathrow Airport; UK Transport in Europe (UKTiE), from Dr Andrew Watt (26 June), and GB Railfreight (2 July)**

Treasury:

27 June: Letter from the Economic Secretary to the Treasury: **Communication on Financial Services EU Withdrawal Preparations.**

27 June: Letter to the Governor of the Bank of England regarding **publishing Brexit impact analysis.**

27 June: Letter to the Chief Executive, FCA, regarding **publishing Brexit impact analysis.**

27 June: Letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer regarding **publishing Brexit impact analysis.**

House of Lords

20 June: Questions on **Brexit: Creative Sector.**

20 June: Questions on **Brexit: European Union Police Databases and Extradition Arrangements.**

20 June: Debate on the **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill** – consideration of Commons Amendments.

21 June: Debate on **EU Settlement Scheme.**

21 June: Questions on the **G7 Summit and Future Trade Relations.**

25 June: Questions on **Brexit: Identity Cards.**

25 June: Debate on the **European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Canada Trade Agreement) Order 2018**.

26 June: Questions on **Airbus**.

27 June: **Haulage Permits and Trailer Registration Bill [HL]** returned from the Commons.

2 July: Debate on the **European Council**.

2 July: Debate on the European Union Committee report **UK-EU relations after Brexit**.

3 July: Debate on the European Union Committee report **Brexit: Reciprocal Healthcare**.

Committees

EU Select:

18 June: **Ministers questioned about Ireland / Northern Ireland Brexit backstop**, with Robin Walker. **Transcript**.

21 June: **Interparliamentary Forum on Brexit holds fourth meeting**, AMs David Rees and Mick Antoniw attended. **Interparliamentary Forum on Brexit - Statement**.

EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee:

13 June: The UK's implementation of the EU air quality directive. **Transcript**.

27 June: **Future of chemical regulation investigated**. **Transcript**.

27 June: **Letter to Michael Gove over the UK Government's failure to implement EU air quality legislation and reduce harmful nitrogen dioxide levels**.

4 July: **Committee considers how decisions on food safety risks will be made post-Brexit**.

11 July: Evidence Session on the Office of Nuclear Regulation's Brexit preparedness.

EU External Affairs Sub-Committee:

29 June: **Committee collects evidence from experts on post-Brexit customs arrangements**.

5 July: Evidence Session on Brexit: customs arrangements.

12 July: Evidence Session on Brexit: customs arrangements.

EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee:

14 Jun: **Brexit: the proposed UK-EU security treaty** - evidence from Sir Julian King, Commissioner for Security Union, European Commission. **Transcript**.

19 June: Proposed UK-EU Security Treaty written evidence: **Home Office** (and on **28 June**); **Fair Trials International**; **Law Society of Scotland**; **Open Rights Group**.

4 July: Proposed UK-EU Security Treaty written evidence: **National Crime Agency**; **Police Service of Northern Ireland**;

EU Internal Market Sub-Committee:

21 June: **Evidence Session on Brexit: start-ups and scale-ups**.

28 June: **Committee holds roundtable of start-up and scale-up founders**.

3 July: **Letter to Lord Callanan on the Committee's report Brexit: trade in non-financial services**.

5 July: **Evidence Session on Brexit: start-ups and scale-ups**.

EU Justice Sub-Committee:

21 June: **Evidence Session on Brexit: citizens' rights with Sajid Javid**. **Transcript**.

International Relations:

20 June: Evidence Session on Foreign policy in changed world conditions. **Transcript**.

4 July: **What does the FCO mean by Global Britain?**

11 July: Evidence Session on Foreign policy in changed world conditions.

Liaison:

27 June: **The Liaison Committee hears evidence from the Scottish Parliament and National Assembly of Wales on the review of investigative and scrutiny committees**. The Assembly's Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service gave evidence.

Science and Technology:

19 June: **Government Chief Scientific Adviser gives evidence.**

News

18 June: **The voyage of the Liam Fox Enterprise is set for Brexit mission failure**
(opinion piece by Geraint Davies MP in the Guardian)

20 June: **Logistics Industry Tells Government: “Give Us The Tools To Keep Britain Trading”**. “Without knowing who we will be employing, how we will be crossing borders, what certifications and permits goods and vehicles will require in order to travel, business as we know it will be unable to continue. The logistics industry will be the first part of the economy to encounter the realities of Brexit when vehicles drive off the first ferry to arrive in Calais on 30 March 2019 and we want things to go smoothly, but we need more information about the trading conditions we are to expect once the UK leaves the EU. The time for talking is over – it’s now time to act.” (Freight Transport Association)

20 June: **Port of Dover warns of 'regular gridlock' in event of hard Brexit**
Christian told the FTA conference: “If the cross-Channel system falls, our collective way of life falls.” (Guardian, reporting on the Freight Transport Association conference)

20 June: **Siemens UK boss says no-deal Brexit does not look good** (BBC)

21 June: **Brexit: Business Secretary Greg Clark warns on services** (BBC)

21 June: **Brexit: Three 'simple' requirements for EU citizens to stay in UK** (BBC)

21 June: **The economy has slowed to a standstill, largely because of Brexit** -
Surveys from the second quarter of the year have not been encouraging (The Economist)

21 June: **Airbus provides update on impact of Brexit No Deal/Deal scenarios** -
Airbus has today published a risk assessment outlining the urgent risks to its business arising from the UK exiting the European Union without a withdrawal agreement. (Airbus)

22 June: **Airbus warns no-deal Brexit could see it leave UK** (BBC)

25 June: **BMW will shut UK sites if customs delays clog supply post-Brexit**
(Guardian)

25 June: **The Brexit Short: How Hedge Funds Used Private Polls to Make Millions** - Private polls—and a timely ‘concession’ from the face of Leave—allowed the funds to make millions off the pound’s collapse. (Bloomberg)

25 June: **Foreign businesses to UK: solve Brexit or risk £100bn in trade** - Firms from US, Canada, Japan and India lobby UK to avoid disorderly EU exit (Guardian)

26 June: **UK automotive industry urges rethink on Brexit red lines as uncertainty bites** (Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders)

26 June: **Heathrow-owner to move holding company to the Netherlands** - Ferrovial ... said the decision would address the negative effects of Brexit and allow its businesses to be taxed in Spain. (Sky News)

27 June: **Bank of England hits back at EU over banks' Brexit readiness** (Reuters)

28 June: **Heathrow and Brexit hot topics at Travel Matters** (ABTA)

28 June: **Blog spot - Brexit: a severe health warning** (British Medical Association)

28 June: **Population estimates for UK, England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland: mid-2017** - The population of the UK at 30 June 2017 exceeded 66 million people (66,040,229), an increase of 392,000 people since mid-2016. This growth rate (0.6%) is the lowest since mid-2004 (ONS)

1 July: **NHS plan in case of no-deal Brexit, Simon Stevens says** (BBC)

2 July: **Three quarters of big UK firms downbeat on Brexit in new survey** (CNBC)

3 July: **Brexit: time running out for answers to firms' real-world questions - Brexit: the answers businesses need** (British Chambers of Commerce)

5. Scotland

Scottish Parliament

Scottish Parliament Brexit Update: **21 June**.

18 June: Finance & Constitution Committee begins next phase of its constitutional scrutiny: **Common UK frameworks**.

19 June: **Statement by Michael Russell on progress in European Union exit negotiations**.

20 June: **Agricultural policy post-Brexit - risky business?** (Scottish Parliament Information Centre)

Scottish Government

19 June: **Protecting the Scottish Parliament** - Minister calls for consent to be embedded in law.

25 June: **Growing exports to Germany** - FM heads business delegation to Berlin.

6. 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.

7. UK-Ireland relations

21 June: **An Taoiseach meets with European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker**.

22 June: **Taoiseach to attend thirtieth meeting of the British-Irish Council in Guernsey**.

26 June: From the **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018**:

10 Continuation of North-South co-operation and the prevention of new border arrangements.

(2) Nothing in section 8, 9 or 23(1) or (6) of this Act authorises regulations which—

(b) create or facilitate border arrangements between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland after exit day which feature physical infrastructure, including border posts, or checks and controls, that did not exist before exit day and are not in accordance with an agreement between the United Kingdom and the EU.

8. Reports published

House of Commons Library

Brexit: the exit bill

Other

Mind your language | A short report into Wales, Brexit and the study of Modern Foreign Languages (Gorwel)

The potential impact of Brexit on ICT policy (Breugel)

A hard Brexit is looking increasingly likely – according to behavioural economics (The Conversation)

Brexit: this poll reveals a sad truth about Britain and Northern Ireland (The Conversation)

EU citizens: what settled status after Brexit really means – a legal expert explains (The Conversation)

Airbus departure? Five things you need to know to understand its relationship with Britain (The Conversation)

Here's a better way to think about identity politics (The Conversation)

How Brexit is making young Eastern Europeans in the UK fear for their future (The Conversation)

Making Northern Ireland a bridge between the UK and the EU (UK in a Changing Europe)

Lugano: a Bailey bridge for Brexit

Herman Van Rompuy: for Europe, Brexit is a “political amputation” (UK in a Changing Europe)

Doing the splits – which Brexit? (UK in a Changing Europe)

Quids in or counting our losses?: the economic impacts of the Leave vote two years on (UK in a Changing Europe)

Brexit and the challenges for analysts (UK in a Changing Europe)

We are running out of time to offer voters a new deal on immigration (UK in a Changing Europe)

The city is strong enough to go it alone post-Brexit (UK in a Changing Europe)

It is not just about hanging baskets, Brexit could have a crucial impact on horticulture (UK in a Changing Europe)

'Wanting' a Brexit deal isn't going to be enough (UK in a Changing Europe)

Once again, the Treasury overestimates the costs of leaving the EU (UK in a Changing Europe)

International Health Service: how the NHS has always relied on overseas labour (LSE Brexit blogs)

Not settled yet: questions the Home Office has yet to answer about EU citizens' status (LSE Brexit blogs)

'Like the end of a love story': Brexit and highly-skilled French migrants in London (LSE Brexit blogs)

Latin America is a natural fit for Britain's post-Brexit trade (LSE Brexit blogs)

Britain's global negotiating position is weaker after the G7 Summit (LSE Brexit blogs)

When it comes to defence, Britain is trapped in a Cold War mindset (LSE Brexit blogs)

Could the Norway model work for Britain? Twelve points to help you decide (LSE Brexit blogs)

What bothers European media most about Brexit? (LSE Brexit blogs)

Brexit is still a hot topic on Twitter, but public sentiments remain largely unchanged (LSE Brexit blogs)

A soft Brexit is a compromise that would please no one (LSE Brexit blogs)

Britain will be scrambling hard to put Galileo at the centre of a new security partnership (LSE Brexit blogs)