



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

**CULTURE, TOURISM, EUROPE AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**2nd Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)**

**Thursday 1 February 2018**

Present:

Claire Baker	Ross Greer
Rachael Hamilton	Richard Lochhead
Dean Lockhart (Committee Substitute)	Joan McAlpine (Convener)
Stuart McMillan	

Apologies were received from Jackson Carlaw, Mairi Gougeon, Tavish Scott.

The meeting opened at 9.01 am.

1. **Scotland's Place in Europe:** The Committee took evidence from—

Michael Russell, Minister for UK negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe, Ian Mitchell, Deputy Director External Affairs, and Steven Morton, Economic Advisor, OCEA, Scottish Government.

2. **Scotland's Place in Europe (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting. The Committee agreed to write again to the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union to invite him to give evidence, and also to request a copy of the UK Government's assessment of the economic impact of Brexit. The Committee also agreed to write to the House of Commons Exiting the European Union Committee to request access to the same document.

The meeting closed at 10.30 am.

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