



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

CULTURE, TOURISM, EUROPE AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

7th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Thursday 15 March 2018

Present:

Claire Baker	Jackson Carlaw
Mairi Gougeon	Ross Greer
Rachael Hamilton	Richard Lochhead
Joan McAlpine (Convener)	Stuart McMillan

Apologies were received from Tavish Scott.

The meeting opened at 9.04 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Article 50 Negotiations: the UK's future trade policy:** The Committee took evidence from—

Peter Ungphakorn, former Senior Information Officer, World Trade Organisation Secretariat;

Dr Gracia Marin Duran, Senior Lecturer in International Economic Law, UCL Faculty of Laws, University College London;

Dr Matias Margulis, Senior Lecturer in Political Economy, University of Stirling;

Liz Murray, Head of Scottish Campaigns, Global Justice Now.

3. **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence from—

Michael Russell, Minister for UK negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe, Luke McBratney, Policy Officer, Constitution and UK Policy, and

Ian Davidson, Head of Constitution and UK Relations, Scottish Government.

4. **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Article 50 Negotiations: the UK's future trade policy (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting. In relation to its recently published report on the Erasmus+ programme, the Committee agreed to request seek a Chamber debate

The meeting closed at 11.23 am.

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