



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

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

**MINUTES**

**21st Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)**

**Thursday 6 September 2018**

Present:

Claire Baker (Deputy Convener)  
Ross Greer  
Stuart McMillan  
Alexander Stewart

Jamie Greene  
Joan McAlpine (Convener)  
Tavish Scott

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take agenda item 4 in private.
2. **Article 50 withdrawal negotiations:** The Committee took evidence from—  

Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations, and Ian Mitchell, Deputy Director, EU Strategy and Migration, Scottish Government.
3. **Scottish Government Reports:** The Committee considered a bi-annual report from the Scottish Government in relation to a range of EU issues. The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered and agreed its work programme and also agreed that all future work programme papers and consideration of evidence heard agenda items are considered in private.
5. **Article 50 withdrawal negotiations (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.21 am.

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