



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

EUROPEAN AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

3rd Meeting, 2016 (Session 5)

Thursday 28 July 2016

Present:

Bruce Crawford	Ash Denham
Ross Greer	Rachael Hamilton
Lewis Macdonald (Deputy Convener)	Joan McAlpine (Convener)

Also present: Mike Rumbles

Apologies were received from Jackson Carlaw, Richard Lochhead, Tavish Scott.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **The implications to Scotland of Brexit - economic matters:** The Committee took evidence from—

Graeme Roy, Director (Designate), Fraser of Allander Institute;

Colin Borland, Senior Head of External Affairs, Federation of Small Business Scotland;

Kenny Richmond, Senior Director, Economics, Scottish Enterprise;

Stephen Boyd, Assistant Secretary, STUC.

3. **The implications to Scotland of Brexit - business and sectoral interests:** The Committee took evidence from—

Clare Slipper, Parliamentary Officer, National Farmers Union Scotland;

Bertie Armstrong, Chief Executive, Scottish Fishermen's Federation;

David Frost, Chief Executive, Scotch Whisky Association;

Alastair Sim, Director, Universities Scotland;

Gordon Dewar, Chief Executive, Edinburgh Airport Ltd;

Hugh Chater, Director of Banking, Virgin Money;

James Withers, Chief Executive, Scotland Food and Drink.

4. **Review of evidence (in private):** The Committee reviewed the evidence heard at this meeting and discussed implications for its work programme.
5. **Scotland's future relationship with the EU (in private):** The Committee considered a list of candidates for the posts of adviser in connection with its forthcoming work on Scotland's relationship with the EU.

The Committee agreed its preferred advisers, with details to be published in due course.

6. **Scotland's future relationship with the EU (in private):** The Committee considered and agreed a draft remit and call for evidence for its future work on Scotland's future relationship with the EU.

The meeting closed at 12.36 pm.

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