



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

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

**MINUTES**

**12th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)**

**Thursday 11 May 2017**

Present:

Jackson Carlaw	Mairi Evans
Ross Greer	Richard Lochhead
Lewis Macdonald (Deputy Convener)	Joan McAlpine (Convener)
Stuart McMillan	

Apologies were received from Tavish Scott.

In attendance: Professor Sionaidh Douglas-Scott, Committee Adviser and Professor Michael Keating, Committee Adviser

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 5 in private.
2. **The EU referendum and its implications for Scotland:** The Committee took evidence from—  

Michael Russell, Minister for UK negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe, and Ian Mitchell, Deputy Director External Affairs, Scottish Government.
3. **The EU referendum and its implications for Scotland (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered and discussed how it could monitor the Article 50 negotiations and agreed to discuss it further after the UK General Election.
5. **Annual report (in private):** The Committee agreed its annual report for the parliamentary year from 12 May 2016 to 11 May 2017.

The meeting closed at 11.23 am.

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