



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

CULTURE, TOURISM, EUROPE AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

19th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Thursday 7 September 2017

Present:

The meeting opened at 9.47 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 3 in private and consideration of evidence heard on Article 50 withdrawal negotiations in private at future meetings.
2. **Article 50 Withdrawal Negotiations:** The Committee took evidence from—

Michael Russell, Minister for UK negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe, and Ellen Leaver, European Strategy Manager, Scottish Government.
3. **Article 50 withdrawal negotiations (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting and agreed to delegate responsibility to the Convener for arranging for the SPCB to pay, under Rule 12.4.3, any expenses of witnesses in relation to the Article 50 Withdrawal Negotiations inquiry.

The meeting closed at 11.06 am.

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