



## Liaison Committee

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From Dr Sarah Wollaston MP, Chair

Rt Hon Theresa May MP  
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Dear Prime Minister,

### Accountability for Brexit negotiations

Thank you for your letter of 11 October, and for the agreement in principle to give evidence to the Liaison Committee on the outcome of the negotiations on the UK's exit from the EU.

I would like to clarify the timing of the evidence session given three scenarios:

- if an agreement is reached with the EU 27, we would ask for the session to take place to allow scrutiny of the Withdrawal Agreement and political declaration on the future relationship with the EU *before* the so-called "meaningful vote" as required under the Section 13 of the *European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018*.
- if no agreement is reached with the EU 27 and the decision is taken to leave the EU with no deal, we would likewise ask you to give evidence before you fulfil the requirements of Section 13 of the *European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018*, that is, before the motion in neutral terms as set out in section 13 (11) is debated in the Commons;
- if the outcome of the negotiations is not known by the end of the year, our expectation would be that we would go ahead with an evidence session before the end of the year that would cover a range of subjects as would normally be the case. The session on the negotiations would then take place in the New Year instead.

The office will be in touch to arrange details of the sessions once the outcome of the negotiations is known. We will be publishing this exchange of letters on our website.

Best wishes,

Dr Sarah Wollaston MP  
Chair of the Committee