

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS  
BY DEPUTY M.R. HIGGINS OF ST. HELIER  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20TH JUNE 2017**

**Question**

Will the Minister list all the meetings that he has personally had with officials and / or politicians representing Her Majesty's U.K. Government or the European Union (including with representatives of individual countries and / or officials of the European Commission) relating to the British decision to leave the European Union and Jersey's relationship and standing with these bodies, with the list to include the names and positions of those at the meetings, the dates of such meetings and their purpose?

Furthermore, will the Minister agree to publish such information on a regular basis going forward until Brexit is achieved; and, if not, will he explain why not?

**Answer**

Meetings at which Brexit has been discussed have almost always covered other issues as well as Brexit. These include:

- Bilateral relations with the country concerned, including the communities from that country resident in Jersey
- Explaining Jersey's constitutional position, our role as a source of investment, and our track record on tax co-operation, anti-money laundering and countering terrorist financing.

The comment column below includes any additional specific purpose of the meeting not covered by the above.

I am currently investigating the steps necessary to publish my engagement diary, in advance, on a periodic basis. This could be available on the Government of Jersey website. The published diary would include scheduled engagements but would not include details of personal meetings, internal departmental meetings, non-Ministerial business, or those engagements that are confidential or sensitive in nature.

**Meetings attended by the Minister for External Relations at which the British decision to leave the European Union was amongst the topics discussed are listed below:**

<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Principals</b>	<b>Comments</b>
2016			
12/01/16	London	HE Päivi Luostarinen, Ambassador of Finland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Presidency second half of 2019</li> </ul>
12/01/16	London	Mr Cosmin Onisii, Acting Ambassador (Romanian Deputy Head of Mission)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Presidency first half of 2019</li> </ul>
09/02/16	London	HE L'ubomír Rehák, Ambassador of Slovak Republic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Presidency second half of 2016</li> </ul>
09/02/16	London	HE Mr Joao de Vallera, Ambassador of Portugal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of Jersey from Portugal's national tax blacklist</li> </ul>
09/02/16	London	HE Dr Ivan Grdešić, Ambassador of Croatia	
19/02/16	London	HE Asta Skaisgirytė Liavškienė, Ambassador of Lithuania	

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06/04/16	Brussels	Emma Gibbons, UK Representative, Political Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission	
06/04/16	Brussels	Ian Campbell, Head of Scottish Government EU Office	
06/04/16	Brussels	Vicky Ford, Conservative MEP, Chair of EP Internal Market Committee (IMCO)	
06/04/16	Brussels	Kate Sanderson, Head of Faroes Mission	
06/04/16	Brussels	HE Sophie Thevenoux, Ambassador of Monaco to the EU	
06/04/16	Brussels	HE Maria Ubach Font, Ambassador of Andorra to the EU	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Presidency first half of 2017</li> </ul>

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07/04/16	London	HE Norman Hamilton, High Commissioner of Malta	
07/04/16	London	HE Guy Trouveroy, Ambassador of Belgium	
13/04/16	London	David Lidington MP, Europe Minister, UK Government Jonathan Le Tocq, Chief Minister of Guernsey Alan Bell, Chief Minister of Isle of Man	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timetable of EU referendum</li> </ul>
16/06/16 - 17/06/16	Glasgow	BIC Summit (United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland and Crown Dependencies, Ministers and officials)	
11/07/16	London	London Office Summer Reception (range of UK Ministers and EU Ambassadors)	
14/07/16	London		

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		Fete Nationale Reception – French Ambassador and most other EU Ambassadors	
15/07/16	London	Latvian Ambassador Farewell Reception – Latvian Ambassador and a range of other EU Ambassadors	
20/07/16	London	HE Dr Martin Eichtinger, Ambassador of Austria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Presidency second half of 2018</li> </ul>
16/09/16	Jersey	<p>Préfet de la Manche, Jacques Witkowski</p> <p>President Hervé Morin (Regional Council of Normandy)</p> <p>President Philippe Bas (Departmental Council of Manche)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual summit with Normandy</li> </ul>
22/09/16	London	HE Manuel Lobo Antunes, Ambassador of Portugal	
22/09/16	London	Tania Freiin von Uslar-Gleichen, Deputy Head of Mission, German Embassy	

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22/09/16	London	Malta National Day reception (the Maltese High Commissioner and a range of other EU Ambassadors)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Presidency first half of 2017</li> </ul>
29/09/16	Jersey	Inbound visit of the Swiss Ambassador, HE Dr Dominick Furgler	
06/10/16	London	German National Day reception (German Ambassador and a range of other EU Ambassadors)	
10/10/16	Jersey	Sir Oliver Heald MP, Minister of State, Ministry of Justice	
17/10/16	Jersey	Préfet Maritime de la Manche et de la Mer du Nord, Admiral Pascal Ausseur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage with Jersey authorities and Jersey rescue departments on maritime issues, sea rescue, counter-terrorism awareness, and migrant issues.</li> </ul>
17/11/16	Jersey	Inbound visit of Estonian Ambassador, HE Lauri Bambus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reaffirm digital relationship</li> <li>• EU Presidency second half of 2017</li> </ul>

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24/11/16 – 25/11/16	Cardiff	British Irish Council Summit	
07/12/16	London	<p>Mr Christoph Weidinger, Deputy Head of Mission, Austrian Embassy</p> <p>Mr Jan Bayart, Deputy Head of Mission, Belgian Embassy</p> <p>Mr Costas Dafos, Commercial Attaché, High Commission of Cyprus</p> <p>H.E. Mr Claus Grube, Ambassador of Denmark</p> <p>HE Mr Lauri Bambus, Ambassador of Estonia</p> <p>H.E. Mme Sylvie Bermann, Ambassador of France</p> <p>Minister Tania von Uslar-Gleichen, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Germany</p> <p>Mr Antonios Katepodis, Head of Economic &amp; Commercial Section, Embassy of Greece</p> <p>Colonel Claudio Petrozziello, Guardia de Finanza, Embassy of Italy</p>	

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		<p>HE Ambassador Asta Skaisgirytė Liauškienė, Ambassador of Lithuania</p> <p>Mr Dariusz Łaska, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Poland</p> <p>HE Manuel Lobo Antunes, Ambassador of Portugal</p> <p>HE Mr Dan Mihalache, Ambassador of Romania</p> <p>H.E Mr L'ubomír Rehák, Ambassador of Slovakia</p> <p>Mrs Metoda Mikuz, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Slovenia</p>	
2017			
07/02/17	London	HE Torbjörn Sohlström, Ambassador of Sweden	
07/02/17	London	HE Baiba Braze, Ambassador of Latvia	
22/02/17	London	Estonian National Day reception (Estonian Ambassador and a range of EU Ambassadors)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Presidency second half of 2017</li> </ul>



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23/02/17	London	HE Professor Arkady Józef Rzegocki, Ambassador of Poland	
07/03/17	London	Lord Price CVO, Minister for Trade and Investment, Department for International Trade, UK Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-Brexit trade / WTO</li> </ul>
08/03/17	Brussels	Josef Renggli, Deputy Ambassador, Mission of Switzerland to the EU	
08/03/17	Brussels	Mrs Bergdís Ellertsdóttir, Ambassador, Mission of Iceland to the EU	
08/03/17	Brussels	Aude Korfer, Head of Delegation, Délégation permanente de la Bretagne	
08/03/17	Brussels	Mrs Cécile Combette Murin, Head of Representation, Représentation de la Région Normandie	
08/03/17	Brussels		

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		David Taylor, Ambassador of New Zealand to the EU	
04/04/17	London	HE Daniel Mulhall, Ambassador of Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forthcoming official visit to Jersey (June 2017)</li> </ul>
27/04/17	London	Austrian Reception (Austrian Ambassador HE Dr Martin Eichtinger, and other EU Ambassadors present)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Presidency second half of 2018</li> </ul>
08/05/17	Jersey	Inbound visit of Austrian Ambassador, HE Dr Martin Eichtinger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Presidency second half of 2018</li> </ul>
06/06/17	Brussels	Sir Julian King, United Kingdom's EU Commissioner Gavin St Pier, Chief Minister of Guernsey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outline the ways in which the Channel Islands have contributed to the objectives of the EU's Security Union</li> </ul>
06/06/17	Brussels	Sir Tim Barrow, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the European Union	
06/06/17	Brussels		

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		David McAllister MEP, Chair of the European Parliament's (EP) Committee on Foreign Affairs	
06/06/17	Brussels	Syed Kamall MEP, the Chair of the European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) Group in the EP	
06/06/17	Brussels	Dimitar Tzantchev , Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to EU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Presidency first half of 2018</li> </ul>
12/06/17	La Gouesnière	President Jean-Luc Chenut Departmental Council of Ille et Vilaine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renew our partnership with Ille et Vilaine</li> </ul>