

EUROPEAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 4th Meeting, held at 4pm on Tuesday, 15 October 2024

Present:

Lord Ricketts (Chair)

Baroness Anelay of St Johns

Baroness Ashton of Upholland

Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town

Lord Jackson of Peterborough

Baroness Lawlor

Baroness Ludford

Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne

The Duke of Wellington

1. Apologies and Notices

The Chair announced the change in panel participants due to illness.

Apologies were received from Lord Adonis, Baroness Blackstone, Baroness Scott of Needham Market and Lord Stirrup.

2. Forward Work Programme

The Committee *considered* a note by the Clerk (**EAC/24-25/022**)

3. Private Seminar on the UK-EU Relationship

At 4.15pm the Committee were joined by:

- Armida Van Rij, Head of Europe Programme, Chatham House
- Ian Bond CVO, Deputy Director of the Centre for European Reform (CER)
- David Henig, Director of the UK Trade Policy Project at the European Centre for International Political Economy (ECIPE)

4. UK-EU data adequacy – Second Consideration

The Committee *considered* a note by the Policy Analyst (**EAC/24-25/024**)

Baroness Lawlor dissented from the letter and moved an amendment to insert the following words:

“One member of the committee dissents from this letter on grounds that given the nature of the UK economy, its international trade aims, its law:

1. The parameters of the inquiry were too narrowly focussed.
2. The approach and terms of the inquiry were such as to pre-determine the outcome.
3. The witnesses selected, that is apart from official witnesses representing government or officially established bodies or institutions, did not represent a diversity of views, and were not sufficiently and proportionately representative of the wider spectrum of independent, authoritative, specialist academic and professional knowledge.”

Question put, That the amendment in the name of Baroness Lawlor be agreed to.

The Committee divided.

Content	Not Content	Abstain
Baroness Lawlor	Baroness Anelay of St Johns	Lord Jackson of Peterborough
	Baroness Ashton of Upholland	
	Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town	
	Baroness Ludford	
	Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne	
	Lord Ricketts	

The amendment was therefore disagreed to.

The letter was agreed to.

5. Any other business

The Committee will next meet on 22 October 2024 at 4pm

16 October 2024

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