

EUROPEAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the 3rd Meeting, held at 11.00am on Tuesday, 9 June 2026,
Committee Room 4A**

Present:

Lord Stirrup (Chair)

Baroness Ashton of Upholland

Lord Barrow

Baroness Smith of Newham

Baroness Suttie

Lord Jackson of Peterborough

Lord Moynihan of Chelsea

Lord Brennan of Canton

Lord Tugendhat

Lord Elliott of Mickle Fell

The Duke of Wellington

Mr Tim Mitchell, the Counsel in European Law, was in attendance

1. Apologies and Notices

- Apologies were received from Baroness Brown

2. Inquiry: Dynamic Alignment, Session 10

At 11.00am the Committee took evidence from:

- Professor Holger Hestermeyer, Director, Professor of International and EU Law and Head of Department of International and EU Law, Diplomatic Academy of Vienna
- Matthew England, Researcher, Hansard Society
- Dr Ruth Fox, Director, Hansard Society

3. Inquiry: Dynamic Alignment, Session I I

At 11.50am the Committee took evidence from:

- Sir William Cash, Former Chair, House of Commons European Scrutiny Committee
- The Earl of Kinnoull, Former Chair, House of Lords European Affairs Committee

The Committee *considered* a note by the Policy Analyst **(EAC/26-27/013)**

4. Forward Work Programme

The Committee *considered* a note by the Clerk **(EAC/26-27/014)**

5. North Seas Energy Cooperation

The Committee *considered* a note by the Clerk and draft letter to the Minister **(EAC/26-27/015)**

6. Any other business

The Committee *took note* of the following documents:

- Letter dated 28 May 2026 from Jo Lomas, Deputy Director (Poland Treaty), FCDO, and HMA-designate Tallinn, re: UK-Poland Security and Defence Partnership Treaty (the Northolt Treaty)
- Letter to European Affairs Committee informing of upcoming meeting of Specialised Committee on Financial Provisions, 3 June 2026
- Specialised Committee on Financial Provisions 12th Meeting – Provisional Agenda
- Agendas for forthcoming meetings of TCA bodies:
 - Third meeting of the TCA Working Group on Medicinal Products, 8 June 2026
 - Sixth meeting of the TCA Specialised Committee on Air Transport, 10 June 2026
 - Third meeting of the TCA Working Group on Organic Products, 25 June 2026
- Corrected transcript of evidence session 6, with Mr Tom Bradshaw (National Farmers Union), Mr John Powell (British Meat Processors Association) and Mr Richard Ballantyne (British Ports Association) (19 May)

The Committee agreed to send a letter to The Rt Hon Nick Thomas-Symonds MP, Paymaster General and Minister for the Cabinet Office (Minister for the Constitution

and European Union Relations), should the Chair not receive an update about the ministerial evidence session by 11 June 2026.

The Committee agreed the Minutes of the 2nd Meeting (**EAC/26-27/016**)

The Committee will next meet on 16 June 2026 at 11:00am

11 June 2026

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