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**From:** Harvie P (Patrick), MSP <Patrick.Harvie.msp@parliament.scot>  
**Sent:** 11 August 2017 13:26  
**To:** Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
**Subject:** RE: Correspondence from Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

Thanks, and you!

**From:** [REDACTED] On Behalf Of MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 11 August 2017 13:02  
**To:** Harvie P (Patrick), MSP <Patrick.Harvie.msp@parliament.scot>; MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: Correspondence from Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

Great! I will be in touch nearer the time to confirm arrangements.

Have a good weekend.

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**From:** Harvie P (Patrick), MSP [mailto:Patrick.Harvie.msp@parliament.scot]  
**Sent:** 11 August 2017 12:58  
**To:** Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Correspondence from Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

That's great, 5pm on the 30<sup>th</sup> at Atlantic Quay will be ideal. Ross Greer and I will both be attending.

Cheers,

Patrick

**From:** [REDACTED] On Behalf Of MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 11 August 2017 12:32  
**To:** Harvie P (Patrick), MSP <Patrick.Harvie.msp@parliament.scot>; MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Correspondence from Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

Dear Mr Harvie,

Thank you for your quick response.

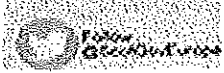
Mr Russell will be in Glasgow on 30 August, so we could hold a meeting in Atlantic Quay if that would be suitable? Mr Russell could do between 12:30 – 13:30, or 17:00 – 18:00.

Let me know if any of these times work for you.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED] Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe | [REDACTED]

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**From:** Harvie P (Patrick), MSP [<mailto:Patrick.Harvie.msp@parliament.scot>]  
**Sent:** 11 August 2017 12:23  
**To:** Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Correspondence from Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

Many thanks for your email. We would be keen to have this meeting, and we're cross-checking our diaries to confirm our availability. The afternoon of the 30<sup>th</sup> looks like one possibility – would Mr Russell be available then? Friday 1<sup>st</sup> might also be an option.

The above assumes that this meeting would take place in Edinburgh; or is the Government's Glasgow office an option too?

Kind regards,

Patrick

**From:** [REDACTED] On Behalf Of [MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot)  
**Sent:** 11 August 2017 11:18  
**To:** Harvie P (Patrick), MSP <[Patrick.Harvie.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Patrick.Harvie.msp@parliament.scot)>  
**Cc:** Greer R (Ross), MSP <[Ross.Greer.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Ross.Greer.msp@parliament.scot)>; [MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot)  
**Subject:** Correspondence from Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

Dear Mr Harvie,

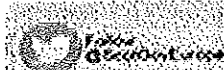
Please see the attached letter from Mr Russell suggesting a meeting to discuss the EU Withdrawal Bill and the Brexit Negotiation process sometime during W/C 28 August. I would be grateful if could let me know if you have any availability during that week.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED] Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe | [REDACTED]

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Patrick Harvie  
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11 August 2017

Dear Patrick

## EU WITHDRAWAL BILL

As you will be aware I have been discussing the UK Government's proposed EU Withdrawal Bill with both the UK Government and the Welsh Government.

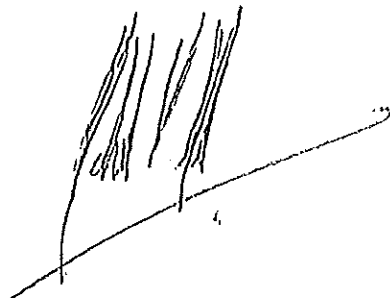
The First Ministers of Wales and Scotland issued a joint statement about the Bill when it was published three weeks ago and the two Governments remain unable to recommend legislative consent for the bill to their respective Parliaments unless substantial changes are made. There is as yet no indication that the UK Government will agree to such changes, though another meeting to discuss the matter will take place in September.

I would like the opportunity to brief you and/or your Brexit spokesperson on this issue and the timescale for the legislative consent process and to seek your views on the Brexit process as it has developed over the past couple of months.

If possible it would be good to have this private chat before Parliament resumes and I do hope you will be willing to meet with me at some stage in the week beginning 28th August.

I have asked my office to contact you to arrange a date and I look forward to seeing you then.

I have copied this letter to Ross Greer, MSP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MICHAEL RUSSELL', written over a horizontal line.

**MICHAEL RUSSELL**

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
**Sent:** 01 September 2017 12:26  
**To:** Patrick.Harvie.msp@parliament.scot  
**Cc:** Ross.Greer.msp@parliament.scot; Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** UK European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

Dear Mr Harvie,

Please see the attached letter from Mr Russell following your meeting on Wednesday. In relation to the cross party meeting, I've looked at the Minister's diary and propose a meeting in Parliament on Thursday 7 September from 14:30 – 15:30. Please let me know if this time is suitable.



Correspondence  
-Patrick Harvie...

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
[REDACTED]  
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1 September 2017

Dear Patrick,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me on Wednesday to discuss the UK European Union (Withdrawal) Bill.

In seeking to take every possible step to avoid the damage likely to be done to devolution and the functioning of the Scottish and Welsh Parliaments by an un-amended EU Withdrawal Bill at Westminster, we agreed the importance of working collaboratively and transparently throughout this process. I also outlined to you the way in which the Scottish Government is working with the Welsh Government with the same aim in mind.

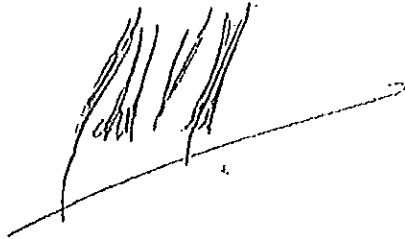
We discussed the option of establishing a small informal cross party group to share information and to help inform thinking and decision making. I have subsequently discussed this with Lewis MacDonald and Tavish Scott. I am pleased to say that we are all in agreement about moving forward in that way.

Can I, therefore, suggest an initial meeting next Thursday 7 September to consider the following:

- legislative timetable
- draft LCM
- amendments to the Bill as agreed with the Welsh Government
- how we might take this forward publicly

If you are happy with this, my office will be in touch to confirm the arrangements. I have also sent a similar letter to Lewis MacDonald and Tavish Scott.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MR', written over a horizontal line.

**MICHAEL RUSSELL**



**From:** Greer R (Ross), MSP <Ross.Greer.msp@parliament.scot>  
**Sent:** 19 September 2017 13:37  
**To:** Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
**Subject:** RE: UK European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

Thanks

**From:** [REDACTED] On Behalf Of MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 19 September 2017 13:35  
**To:** Greer R (Ross), MSP <Ross.Greer.msp@parliament.scot>; MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: UK European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

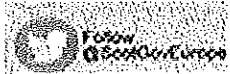
Hi Ross,

The meeting will take place in Mr Russell's parliament office. T4.43.

See you soon.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
[REDACTED]  
[MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot)



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**From:** Greer R (Ross), MSP [<mailto:Ross.Greer.msp@parliament.scot>]  
**Sent:** 19 September 2017 13:33  
**To:** Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
**Subject:** RE: UK European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

Hi [REDACTED]

Could you confirm where the meeting will take place?

Cheers, [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] On Behalf Of [MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot)  
**Sent:** 11 September 2017 10:57  
**To:** Greer R (Ross), MSP <Ross.Greer.msp@parliament.scot>  
**Cc:** Harvie P (Patrick), MSP <Patrick.Harvie.msp@parliament.scot>; [MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot)  
**Subject:** RE: UK European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

Ross,

Grateful if we could keep at 14:00.

thanks

[REDACTED]

Deputy Private Secretary  
Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe

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**From:** Greer R (Ross), MSP [<mailto:Ross.Greer.msp@parliament.scot>]  
**Sent:** 07 September 2017 18:24  
**To:** Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
**Cc:** Harvie P (Patrick), MSP  
**Subject:** RE: UK European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

Hi [REDACTED]

That works for me, though 2.30pm would be preferable.

Cheers,

Ross Greer MSP  
Scottish Green Party  
West of Scotland

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**Sent:** 07 September 2017 15:23  
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**Cc:** Harvie P (Patrick), MSP <[Patrick.Harvie.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Patrick.Harvie.msp@parliament.scot)>; [MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterUKNSPE@gov.scot)  
**Subject:** RE: UK European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

Dear Mr Greer,

As agreed at the meeting today to meet again on 19<sup>th</sup> September - would 14:00 work in your diary?

regards

[REDACTED]  
Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] On Behalf Of Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
**Sent:** 05 September 2017 11:07  
**To:** [Patrick.Harvie.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Patrick.Harvie.msp@parliament.scot)  
**Cc:** [Ross.Greer.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Ross.Greer.msp@parliament.scot); Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe  
**Subject:** UK European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

Dear Mr Harvie

The cross party meeting on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September will take place in The Burns Room TG.40-CR1 .

Many Thanks

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