

**MINISTERIAL FORUM (EU NEGOTIATIONS)**  
**17 SEPTEMBER 2018**  
**70 WHITEHALL, LONDON**

The fourth meeting of the Ministerial Forum (EU Negotiations) was held today in 70 Whitehall, London and was chaired by the Minister for the Constitution, Chloe Smith MP and the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Exiting the EU, Robin Walker MP.

In attendance:

- From UK Government: the Minister for the Constitution, Chloe Smith MP; the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Exiting the EU, Robin Walker MP; Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, George Eustice MP; and the Chair of the Food Standards Agency, Heather Hancock.
- From the Scottish Government: the Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans, Graeme Dey MSP; Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy, Fergus Ewing, MSP; and Chair of Food Standards Scotland, Ross Finnie.
- From the Welsh Government: Minister for Housing and Regeneration, Rebecca Evans AM and Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths AM.

In the absence of Ministers from the Northern Ireland Executive, Graeme Wilkinson, Director of EU Relations, Northern Ireland Civil Service, was also in attendance.

The three principal agenda items at the meeting were an update and discussion of the latest state of EU negotiations; trade in agri-food products; and fishing opportunities.