

## Legislation to Enable a Further Referendum on Brexit QSD on 17 January 2019

This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

Lord Tyler to ask Her Majesty's Government what legislation is necessary to enable a further referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union to take place in 2019.

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

### Key Information

- House of Commons, '[Written Question: Brexit](#)', 28 November 2018, 196652

*Written question on the legislative requirements and timetable of a second referendum on the UK leaving the EU; the Government outlines its position in response.*

- Neil Johnston, '[A Second Brexit Referendum? The Rules Explained](#)', House of Commons Library Blog, 19 December 2018

*Blog from the House of Commons Library explaining what would be required for a further referendum on the UK's membership of the EU to be held.*

- Mark Valladares, '[14 January 2019—Today's Press Releases](#)', *Liberal Democrat Voice*, 16 January 2019; and accompanying draft bills [EU Referendum Bill](#) and [EU Referendum \(Preparation\) Bill](#)

*Draft legislation to enable a further referendum on Brexit, produced by a cross-party group of parliamentarians, and press release announcing its publication. A version of the draft legislation was presented in the House of Commons by Dominic Grieve MP on Wednesday 16 January 2019, however, please note these are not the versions published by the House of Commons.*

- Meg Russell et al, '[The Mechanics of a Further Referendum on Brexit](#)', UCL Constitution Unit, October 2018, pp 42–9

*Chapter of the Constitution Unit's report on a further referendum on Brexit which examines what the enabling legislation may need to contain. It presents the authors' views on the franchise, what changes to referendum campaign regulation could be considered, and whether modifications to electoral law would be required to allow for a multi-option referendum campaign to take place.*

- Meg Russell et al, '[If There's a Second Referendum on Brexit, What Question Should Be Put To Voters?](#)', UCL Constitution Unit Blog, 13 September 2018

*Blog post examining possible question options and formats for a further referendum on Brexit.*

- House of Lords Library, [Case for a Referendum on the Outcome of EU Withdrawal Negotiations](#), 19 October 2018

*House of Lords Library briefing summarising the debate surrounding a further referendum on Brexit, including the policy positions of each political party, the requirements for a referendum in the UK, and academic opinion on the issue.*

### Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- A selection of written questions from both Houses: [HL11861](#) (13 December 2018); [172459](#) (13 September 2018); [169498](#) (11 September 2018); and [HL9349](#) (18 July 2018)
- [Debate on 'Brexit: People's Vote'](#), *HL Hansard*, 25 October 2018, cols 977–1020
- [Debate on 'EU Membership: Second Referendum'](#), *HC Hansard*, 3 December 2018, cols 245–64WH
- [Oral Question on 'Second EU Referendum'](#), *HC Hansard*, 25 October 2018, cols 427–8

### Press Articles and Comment

- Jim Pickard and Laura Hughes, ['Ministers at Odds Over Second Referendum'](#), *Financial Times* (£), 20 December 2018
- BBC News, ['Brexit: Jeremy Corbyn Demands Election to 'Break Deadlock''](#), 10 January 2018
- Helen Lewis, ['Why, Like Jeremy Corbyn, the Idea of a Second Referendum Torments Me'](#), *New Statesman*, 9 January 2019
- Dominic Grieve, ['Parliament is Incapable of Settling Brexit. We Need a Second Referendum'](#), *Guardian*, 29 December 2018

### Further Information

- House of Commons Library, [E-Petition 226071: Stop Possible Second Referendum on EU Membership](#), 29 November 2018
- People's Vote, [The Roadmap to a People's Vote](#), September 2018
- Electoral Commission, [The 2016 Referendum. Report on the 23 June 2016 Referendum on the UK's Membership of the European Union](#), September 2016, pp 10–15 and 22–36
- Electoral Commission, [Digital Campaigning: Increasing Transparency for Voters](#), June 2018
- Independent Commission on Referendums, [Report of the Independent Commission on Referendums](#), 10 July 2018
- House of Commons Library, [European Union Referendum Bill 2015–16](#), 2 June 2015

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