

Rapporteur's Notes from Group Discussions on Brexit at Winter Workshop 2019

Group 1

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Travel, Trade, Citizenship

Airport closed

Green card - passport

Perishable food and exports

Has to be border, Dublin Port, Dover

Exports back to UK of healthcare

Fisheries - how far out can Irish go from Clogherhead?

Euro Lotto

Group 2

Leonard Hatrick, Niall Hayden, Kevin Hynes, Geraldine Kieran

Environment, Agriculture, Etc.

Leonard: Customs events

Geraldine: England laxer with Environment and Agriculture/ Mad Cow/ Bees.
Marine badly damaged environment

Niall: New nuclear station. Possible radiation. Wind tends to blow away from Ireland (Ger)

Niall: Agr. Smuggling increase. Standard of food will go down (Geraldine)

Leonard: Food exports badly hit by tariffs, etc. Delays at customs affect perishable food

Geraldine: Have we enough ships to go direct to Europe

Fisheries: England will take back their fishing rights

Niall: England not affected by quota system

Geraldine: If NI environmental standards go down will it affect us? Farmers may have to change to protect environment due to climate change. EU laws and UK laws on environment may be different

Geraldine: If England use GM crops there could be knock-on effects here

Niall: If more factories are built to make up for goods imported from England

Geraldine: If we get more immigrants more houses will be needed which will impact on the environment. Use of genetically modified crops in England. If more factories are built – effect on climate

Agriculture

- Effect of customs on agriculture
- Agriculture Smuggling
- Tariffs on Food Exports
- Shortage of ships for trade with Europe
- No quotas in England

Environment

- Difference in standards
- Farmers and climate change

Group 3

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Health, Education, Etc.

Health

- Medicines – what will happen?
- Ireland has a good industry in making medicine. If tariffs make English manufactured drugs unaffordable, we can expand the Irish capacity to make these products.
- Waiting lists could get worse, because it will be harder for the HSE to buy services from UK. Patients could gain as they are diverted to EU services (where medical practice is better?). A crisis could force us to sort out our health problems.
- Health insurance may cost more and have less certain results
- Irish going to the UK may no longer get current EU cover

Education

- Will Irish still be able to go to UK for 3rd level education?
- How will recognition of educational qualifications fare?
- Ireland should be able to make jobs out of third level students who formerly may have gone to UK

Etc.

- Tourism – Attract more Asians
- Foreign direct investment likely to increase