

*(English version)*

**Priority question for written answer P-002702/19  
to the Council  
Lance Forman (NI)  
(10 September 2019)**

*Subject:* Brexit negotiations

The Brexit Party, now the largest party in the European Parliament and winner of the European elections in the UK, aims to assist the UK and the EU in resolving the Brexit stalemate.

The Brexit Party notes that the Withdrawal Agreement drawn up between the EU and Theresa May's government has thrice been rejected in the UK Parliament. It considers that the agreement is not supported by the British public and calls for it to be scrapped.

The Brexit Party considers that with the deadline of 31 October 2019 looming for the UK's exit from the EU and in recognition of Article 8 of the Lisbon Treaty, it is in the interests of both the EU and the UK to speedily agree a deal which will allow trade to continue freely between both parties so that jobs are protected and uncertainty is removed.

Will the EU commence discussions immediately on the basis of a free trade deal if this is requested by the British Government?

Will the EU recognise that such discussions may continue beyond the UK's exit on 31 October 2019 and that WTO Article XXIV will then enable tariff-free trade to continue until such time as an agreement is concluded, for the benefit of both parties?

**Reply**  
*(9 December 2019)*

It is not Council policy to answer hypothetical questions.

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