

Statement by the Secretary of State for Scotland on Brexit Deal

The announcement today that the UK has agreed a Withdrawal Agreement with the EU has been welcomed by the Secretary of State for Scotland who is of course a Conservative MP.

Scottish Secretary Alister Jack said: "The deal the Prime Minister has negotiated with the EU is great news for Scotland and the whole of the UK.

"This deal allows us to get Brexit sorted, and leave the EU in two weeks' time as one United Kingdom.

"It is a real Brexit which ensures we take back control. For Scottish fishermen, this means taking back control of our fishing waters and freeing them from the hated Common Fisheries Policy. For Scotland's farmers, we will create a new a system of support to help them prosper outside of the Common Agricultural Policy.

"We will no longer be bound by EU laws, and the Scottish Parliament will receive a raft of new powers as they return to the UK from Brussels. We will be able to strike our own trade deals around the world, opening up huge opportunities for businesses across Scotland.

"It is now time for Scottish MPs from all parties to vote for the Prime Minister's deal and deliver the result of the referendum. It is time to put the national interest above political opportunism. If MPs do not vote for a deal then they

are voting for no deal, and will have to explain that to their constituents.

“Outside of the EU, Scotland and the whole of the UK will thrive. We have a bright future as a country. People now expect their elected representatives to do their duty to deliver that.”

