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## **MORE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON**

## **LABOUR AND THE BREXIT NEGOTIATIONS**

1. **What is the current state of play on the Brexit negotiations?**

The UK's negotiations with the EU are in deadlock - for clearly identifiable reasons. The Withdrawal Agreement negotiated by the Conservative government is unacceptable to Parliament as it stands. Even if the negotiations between Labour and the government were to come to an agreed conclusion – which seems very unlikely – it is very doubtful whether sufficient Labour MPs would vote for it to balance out the large number of Conservative MPs who are never going to agree proposals involving the UK remaining in either “the” or “a” Customs Union, or agreeing to a second referendum. After the European Elections on 23rd May 2019, the government appears to be minded to arrange more votes in the House of Commons, to find which way ahead would be the least unattractive – an extraordinarily unsatisfactory procedure. We need a strategy to break out of this deadlock

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