

Oral Answers to Questions - Prime Minister: Engagements

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Driving off a cliff never ends well, particularly if it results in a crash and burn Brexit with no deal in just 72 days' time, but there is a way to avoid this: to be realistic by extending article 50 to allow us to put a realistic negotiated Brexit direct to the British people, to ask if it has their consent and also to include an option to remain with the excellent deal we already have.

Theresa May The Prime Minister, Leader of the Conservative Party

My hon. Friend will not be surprised to hear, as I have said this already in today's Prime Minister's questions, that I believe we should deliver on the vote of the referendum in 2016: we should be delivering Brexit. As I indicated earlier to her, she and others have talked about extending article 50, but the European Union would extend it only under circumstances in which it was going to be possible to come to an agreement on a deal. The talks we will be having—the discussions I will be having with parliamentarians across this House—will be aimed at ensuring that we can find a way to secure a deal that will get the support of this House.

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