EU Referendum

Roundup, week 25

Friday 17 June 2016



Past week's events

Mon 13 June	Pensions are at risk from Brexit, David Cameron warns. "You would have to start cutting things that people really value, whether it is the money going to the NHS or whether it is support for our pension system, and that could mean reviewing the triple lock," he said, citing figures from the Institute of Fiscal Studies (IFS) and National Institute for Economic and Social Research (NIESR). Migration Watch warns that high migration would change the UK forever. But the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants said the report failed to take account of the "essential contribution" that migrants make to UK industry and the public services, pointing out that they pay more in taxes than they take out. Leave takes six-point lead in Guardian/ICM polls. Phone and online polls show support for Brexit growing to 53%, with proportion backing remain campaign falling to 47% A TNS poll suggests Leave has now a majority: Remain: 40%, Leave: 47%, Undecided/would not vote:
14 June	13%. TNS polled 2,497 people online. The Sun comes out with their opinion the UK should leave the EU
Wed 15 June	Cebr research for Britain Stronger in Europe examines the linkages between exports and employment within the UK. British exit from the European Union ('Brexit'), if it were to occur, could potentially lead to higher tariffs if the UK is unable to negotiate a new trading arrangement with the EU. Furthermore, EU membership grants the UK additional easing of restrictions when it comes to trade with markets that lie outside the EU but with which the EU has negotiated a trade treaty. There are currently 68 countries with which the EU has such free trade agreements ('FTAs'). George Osborne: vote for Brexit and face £30bn of taxes and spending cuts. He delivers stark warning of £15bn tax rises, increase in fuel and alcohol duties and £15bn cuts to health, education and defence if Britain leaves the EU. The FT, in its editorial, argues for Britain to stay in the EU The NHS Confederation says that the likely impact on the economy of a vote to leave the EU would make it harder to provide sustainable future funding for the NHS. "We need a strong economy to guarantee the growth in funding that the health and care service requires and evidence suggests leaving the EU would undermine this."
Thu 16 June	IPSOS MORI poll for STV News suggests that the majority of Scots will back the campaign to retain membership. Among those who are likely to vote next week, 58% would vote for the UK to stay in the EU while 33% support Brexit and 8% are undecided. Once undecided voters are removed, 64% back Remain and 36% Brexit Andrea Leadsom MP argues that Brexit would bring a large opportunity for the UK financial services industry to leave EU financial regulation, and to help the EU save the euro Eurostat compares immigration between UK, Norway and Switzerland. Norway and Switzerland have better-performing economies and higher immigration than the UK. The Independent says that just 24 per cent of net migration since 1990 is down to the UK's membership of the EU. A total of 76 per cent of net migration by non-British citizens over the past 25 years has come from non-EU countries. The Bank of England has warned that uncertainty about the EU referendum is the "largest immediate risk" facing global financial markets Jo Cox MP is shot dead — EU campaigns postponed
Fri 17 June	<u>Durham University's Thom Brooks shows</u> that leaving the EU could mean an increase in immigration. <u>Just 15% of UK businesses feel 'well informed'</u> about Brexit impact

Upcoming events

23 June	EU Referendum date
27-28 June	EU Summit