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You requested the following information:

International Trade Secretary Liam Fox, speaking on BBC1's Sunday Politics on 16/07/17, stated that all Government departments had their own "contingency plan" in case there is "no deal" reached on Brexit by March 2019.

- Did the Wales Office have such a "contingency plan" on 16/07/17?**
- If it did, what date was the Wales Office's "contingency plan" for "no deal" on Brexit completed?**
- If it did not have such a "contingency plan" for "no deal" on Brexit on 16/07/17, does the Wales Office have one now?**

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We note that the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union's quote was that "Government departments across Whitehall are all working on their contingency plans". For the most part these 'contingency plans' are not a single bound document of some kind, but a programme of assessments being made across each organisation's remit, taking account of current developments in coordination with the Department for Exiting the EU (DExEU) and, in the case of executive agencies and arms-length bodies, their associated department. In addition, given the fluid nature of the negotiations, it is prudent for those contingency plans being undertaken to be regularly revised and updated to reflect the current situation.

DExEU is responsible for overseeing and coordinating work on the UK's approach to the negotiations with the EU. As such, the Wales Office is feeding directly into DExEU's wider programme of contingency planning. For further information, please contact DExEU.