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You requested the following information:

On the BBC's Question Time show on March 27, Exiting the EU Secretary David Davis said "every department" has created contingency plans for exiting the EU without a trade deal.

Could you please provide me with the following information:

**On what date did work commence on this contingency plan?
On what date did work conclude on this contingency plan?**

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

Following the referendum on 23 June 2016, the Treasury began the process of building a detailed understanding of how withdrawal from the EU will affect domestic policies, and began preparing and planning for all possible scenarios.

Shortly after the referendum, the Prime Minister established the Department for Exiting the European Union (DExEU), to support her in negotiating the UK's exit from the EU, and to lead and coordinate cross-government work on the Exit. This has included providing ongoing guidance for other departments' work.

This work is continuing across Whitehall. The work on contingency planning is both ongoing and constantly evolving.