

Labour win binding Commons decision on the release of economic impact studies to the Brexit Select Committee

MPs have unanimously passed a Labour motion calling on the Government to share the 58 Brexit impact studies to a parliamentary select committee.

The Speaker of the House of Commons has been clear that today's decision is binding. Speaking during the debate, John Bercow, said: "Motions of this kind have in the past been seen as effective or binding."

Labour is now calling on ministers to urgently set a date for when the papers will be released to the Brexit Select Committee.

Keir Starmer MP, Labour's Shadow Brexit Secretary, said:

"This is a victory for Parliament and for democracy.

"Labour has been absolutely clear since the referendum that ministers could not withhold vital information from Parliament about the impact of Brexit on jobs and the economy.

"It's completely unacceptable for the Tories to have wasted months avoiding responsible scrutiny and trying to keep the public in the dark. The reality is that it should not have taken an ancient Parliamentary procedure to get ministers to listen to common sense.

"As the Speaker has made clear, the Government cannot ignore tonight's binding decision. David Davis must now respond to Parliament's ruling and urgently set a date for when he will share these papers."