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Maria Caulfield MP on Brexit and the Rights of EU citizens's

In the same week as MPs vote through Theresa May's European Union (Notification of Withdrawal) Bill 2017 without the two amendments made by the House of Lords, Maria Caulfield, the Conservative MP for Lewes tells us why as a member of the Brexit Select Committee she wants EU Citizens to have a right to remain in the EU.

Maria key quote: "I think the rights of EU nationals should be one of the first things the government does going into those negotiations. The UK should give those rights to EU Citizens so the other countries would then follow guaranteeing the same rights to EU citizens in this country. I think we could do that fairly quickly."

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Maternity Rights at Work Debate Westminster Hall

Sharon Hodgson Labour's Shadow Public Health Spokes and the MP for Washington and Sunderland West brought her maternity rights at work debate to Westminster Hall today.

She wanted to debate a recent report from the Equalities Select Committee which said women were suffering worse discrimination now when they asked for maternity leave than ten years ago. Some were being dismissed while others working on zero hours contracts were not being protected properly and their and their babies safety was being put at risk.

There had been disappointment at the government's response to the report and a week after [#IWD2017](#) and a week before Mother's Day Hodgson had wanted to ensure that the government did more to help women and men who asked for maternity leave.

Key quote Hodgson: "Not everyone can take on the fight of taking their employer to a tribunal, the costs are £1,200, which is too high, which the government introduced. A number of MPs gave personal testimony of how they suffered discrimination, and one Dr Cameron, an SNP was a consultant, this is at every part of society, from shop floor workers to consultant level.

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