



Gina Miller poses some new awkward questions for the Attorney General

5 December 2018 (London, UK) – Gina Miller, the transparency campaigner, businesswoman and founder of endthechaos.co.uk, today questions the basis on which the legal advice to the Cabinet by the Attorney General has been proffered.

Mrs Miller has asked a number of key questions: ‘the publication of the law officers’ advice on the legal effect of the protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland appears to deliver some clear cut and damning insights into this accident-prone Government’s lack of grip and honesty. But it is also clear the publication of this legal advice raises many more questions than it answers.

1. How is it that the 585-page Withdrawal Agreement (including 185 articles together with the protocols relating to Northern Ireland and Gibraltar) has been condensed into 6 pages? This compares with the 43 pages of the précis of the advice offered to Parliament on 3 December.
2. Was there additional legal advice sought by or offered to the Cabinet in relation to any and all other aspects of the Withdrawal Agreement?
3. If there were separate advisory notes sent to the Cabinet as the Attorney General’s client, where is it; why has it not been produced; and why has its existence not been acknowledged?
4. If there has been no advice tendered by the Law Officers in relation to the balance of the provisions and requirements of the Withdrawal Agreement, was this not a monumental dereliction of duty by the Prime Minister and the Government?
5. The advice on the Legal Effect on the Protocol on Ireland and Northern Ireland is dated 13 November 2018. So, was the Cabinet only in full possession of the implications of the withdrawal agreement on the Northern Ireland backstop two weeks ago? And only a day before their crunch meeting on whether to accept the Prime Minister’s deal?
6. The publication of this legal advice by the Attorney General is notably silent on the legal ramifications of the political declaration. Has there not been legal advice tendered on this by the law officers? If not, why not? And if there has been, why has this not been offered, and what does it say?

Gina Miller added: “It is time for the Prime Minister to come clean on what other aspects of the Withdrawal Agreement and draft Political Declaration she has omitted to tell Parliament about. MPs and their constituents deserve this clarity before the crucial vote on 11 December in order they can make an informed decision about how they should vote. Our country requires no less.”

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Notes to editors

About Gina Miller

Gina Miller is a transparency campaigner and businesswoman best known for her successful 2017 Supreme Court case against the UK Government which required parliamentary approval to trigger Article 50 and initiate the UK's departure from the European Union.

About *End The Chaos!*

End The Chaos! is a grassroots and grasstops movement to engage and inform ordinary people on the situation we find ourselves in as the Brexit negotiations continue to stall. It is a national movement committed to providing objective, non-partisan information to help ordinary, hard-working people understand some of the basic fundamental questions on Brexit and what it might mean for them, their families, their communities and their country.

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