



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba



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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Building a New Scotland

I am writing to you regarding the Scottish Government's recent publication, A stronger economy with independence, in the Building a New Scotland series, produced by the Scottish Government.

I am seeking clarification as to whether the Scottish Fiscal Commission was asked to provide analysis on the contents of the paper? Given the commission's role in providing insight and forecast regarding fiscal sustainability of government policy, please also clarify whether you had a view regarding its position on fiscal sustainability, in terms of what was published?

Specifically, I would be interested in the following:

- Do you believe the fiscal framework, as set out, is sufficient for the commission to undertake fiscal forecasting and/or a fiscal sustainability assessment?
- What the commission believe the impact of diverting revenue of oil and gas that is used for current spending to a separate fund would be?
- Whether the levels of borrowing identified as being required, both to generate reserves and to cover current expenditure, are likely to be sustainable.

I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration and co-operation.

Kind regards,

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