

FIRST BALLOT PAPER (VERSION 1: FULL DEVOLUTION)

The Scottish Parliament has decided to consult people in Scotland on proposals to seek the transfer of more powers to the Parliament.

Proposal 1 is on this ballot paper. Proposal 2 is on a separate ballot paper. You can vote on both proposals.

Background to Proposal 1

The Scottish Government, in the paper *Your Scotland, Your Voice* (published on 30 November 2009), set out a proposal for extending the powers and responsibilities of the Scottish Parliament while Scotland remains part of the United Kingdom.

Under this proposal the Scottish Parliament would, with certain exceptions, be responsible for all laws, taxes and duties in Scotland. The exceptions, which would continue to be the responsibility of the United Kingdom Parliament, are—

- defence and foreign affairs,
- financial regulation, monetary policy and the currency.

Proposal 1 – Increased powers and responsibilities for Scotland

The Scottish Parliament should have its powers and responsibilities extended as described above.

Do you agree with this proposal?

Please put a cross (X) in one box only

YES, I AGREE	
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OR

NO, I DO NOT AGREE	
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FIRST BALLOT PAPER (VERSION 2: CALMAN FISCAL REFORMS)

The Scottish Parliament has decided to consult people in Scotland on proposals to seek the transfer of more powers to the Parliament.

Proposal 1 is on this ballot paper. Proposal 2 is on a separate ballot paper. You can vote on both proposals.

Background to Proposal 1

The Commission on Scottish Devolution (the “Calman Commission”) recommended in its report of 15 June 2009 that the Scottish Parliament should have the following additional financial powers and responsibilities—

- responsibility for setting a Scottish rate of Income Tax which could vary by up to 10p in the pound from the rate in the rest of the United Kingdom,
- power to set the rates of Stamp Duty Land Tax and other minor taxes, and to introduce new taxes in Scotland with the agreement of the United Kingdom Parliament, and
- limited power to borrow money.

Proposal 1 – Increased financial powers and responsibilities for Scotland

The Scottish Parliament should have its financial powers and responsibilities extended as recommended by the Commission on Scottish Devolution.

Do you agree with this proposal?

Please put a cross (X) in one box only

YES, I AGREE	
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OR

NO, I DO NOT AGREE	
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SECOND BALLOT PAPER (POWER TO ENABLE INDEPENDENCE)

The Scottish Parliament has decided to consult people in Scotland on proposals to seek the transfer of more powers to the Parliament.

Proposal 2 is on this ballot paper. Proposal 1 is on a separate ballot paper. You can vote on both proposals.

Background to Proposal 2

The Scottish Government, in the paper *Your Scotland, Your Voice* (published on 30 November 2009), set out its preference for an independent Scotland which would—

- have the rights and responsibilities of a normal, sovereign state,
- be a full member of the European Union,
- maintain a relationship with the remainder of the United Kingdom where the nations co-operate on cross-border cultural, social and policy matters, and
- retain Her Majesty The Queen as Head of State.

Proposal 2 – Additional power to enable Scotland to become an independent country

The Scottish Government proposes that, in addition to the extension of the powers and responsibilities of the Scottish Parliament set out in Proposal 1, the Parliament's powers should also be extended to enable independence to be achieved.

Do you agree with this proposal?

Please put a cross (X) in one box only

YES, I AGREE	
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OR

NO, I DO NOT AGREE	
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