



Federation of Small Businesses

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SNP Manifesto – Small Business Issues

Finance and Tax

- To push for fairer funding arrangements for Scotland, including fiscal autonomy with the aim of lowering corporation tax.
- To push for Scotland to have the ability to borrow, as Northern Ireland does, to allow additional investment in infrastructure and jobs.
- Oppose the planned increase in National Insurance Contributions.
- Focus on ensuring growth industries in Scotland receive same benefits and support as in other competitor countries.
- Call for a fair fuel regulator for fuel duty to avoid increases in tax linked to oil price increases.
- Support action to reform the banking sector and use government ownership and influence to ensure increased access to credit.

Employment

- Seek greater responsibility for employment policy in Scotland to better coordinate work of Job Centres and Scotland's skills agency.
- Ensure the minimum wage increases in line with earnings.
- Support moves to extend paternity leave.

Infrastructure

- Support the Scottish Government to take forward the Forth Replacement Crossing and other major transport projects.
- Make Scotland part of the first phase of the proposed UK high-speed rail link.

Keeping Trade Local

- Protect postal services by opposing any changes to the Royal Mail that will weaken the Universal Service Obligation.
- Support the creation of a post bank.

Environment

- Maximise investment in green research and infrastructure.
- Increase low-carbon employment (in renewable, environmental management and emerging low carbon technologies) in Scotland by 60,000 by 2020.

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