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Building a new Scotland: A stronger economy with independence

I am writing to let you know that the Scottish Government is today publishing the third in our Building a New Scotland series of independence prospectus papers, *A stronger economy with independence*.

The paper sets out proposals for the economy of an independent Scotland and how new powers, combined with existing strengths, would give Scotland an opportunity to build a better future for everyone who lives here.

We have the skilled people, dynamic businesses, and the natural resources to be just as successful as comparable independent European countries with a dynamic and fairer, and greener economy. Scotland would seek to re-join the EU following independence, meaning businesses would operate inside the vast single market. People and goods would be able to move freely between Scotland and the 27 other EU member states, giving employers access to skills and talent.

The paper describes this Government's proposals for how an independent Scotland would improve access to flexible working and strengthen workplace rights, would use its extraordinary energy resources to build an economy based on low-cost, renewable energy and would invest in infrastructure through a Building a New Scotland Fund. It also includes proposals on currency, borders, trade, migration and fiscal sustainability.

The paper is available to read in both HTML and PDF formats at gov.scot/newscotland, where you can also find additional materials such as an explainer video and a summary version.

I look forward to continuing to take part in this national discussion as it develops.

Angus Robertson

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