

MSP Calls for Talks on Funding New Crossing

Jim Tolson MSP for Dunfermline West called on John Swinney Cabinet Secretary to instigate talks with the UK Treasury on the funding mechanism for the new Forth Crossing

Jim said “Now that the proposals for the Scottish Government Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) have been dismissed by the UK Treasury and the SNP determination not use funding from the private sector, it is important if we are to meet the tight timescales, that the SNP put aside their paranoid prejudices and get down to serious discussion on how this major piece of infrastructure is to be financed”.

Jim continued “It is likely that in 2013 heavy goods vehicles will have to stop using the present bridge. Therefore we have no time to play political games between London and Edinburgh as to how major projects are to be funded. If John Swinney is serious about the economy and protecting jobs he will move ‘heaven and earth’ to ensure that the new bridge is opened by 2016”