

TOLSON DEMANDS ANSWERS ABOUT PPP PROJECTS

Scottish Liberal Democrat Communities spokesperson Jim Tolson has reacted angrily to the response given to him by Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth, John Swinney, on the future of capital projects across Scotland.

During today's meeting of the Communities and Local government committee the Cabinet Secretary, under cross examination from Mr Tolson, failed to give any assurances that signed off PPP projects would go ahead.

Commenting, Mr Tolson said "This is an outrageous position for the government to take. Despite previous assurances that they would not tamper with existing PPP contracts John Swinney refused to give the committee such assurances today. The Executive must clarify their plans and publish a clear statement of intent immediately. They are playing politics with school and hospital building programmes all over the country"