

Tolson Seeks an Answer to the Toll Issue

The SNP are actively considering tolls to fund the new Forth Crossing. The SNP Government has asked Transport Scotland to look at the funding mechanism and Transport Scotland have indicated that tolls are a viable funding option.

The new crossing can only be funded through the overstretched transport budget, borrowing from the Treasury or by tolls. The Treasury are unlikely to be sympathetic to any request; the transport budget is over committed for the next ten years which leaves tolls as a serious consideration.

Jim Tolson MSP said "It's ironic that the one of the first pieces of legislation to be dealt with by this government is removal of the tolls on the Forth and Tay road bridges. Now it looks like the SNP government may be planning to re-instate tolls on the new crossing. I will be seeking clarification from the Transport Minister".