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### **SNP CHAOS OVER NEW FORTH CROSSING**

Commenting on the Finance Secretary's request for an interest free loan from the Treasury to fund the proposed Forth Crossing, Jim Tolson, Liberal Democrat MSP for Dunfermline West said "The funding for the most significant infrastructure project for a generation is in doubt. It is an outrage that SNP have come to Parliament with no agreed funding mechanism for the bridge. Whilst the SNP argues with the Treasury, West Fife's future has been put in jeopardy! Communities across Fife, Edinburgh and East of Scotland are reliant on the Forth Crossing for their livelihoods.

It is hypocritical of the SNP government to claim that Scotland could be independent and yet 'go cap in hand' to Westminster for extra cash."