

SNP demand action by UK government

SNP Westminster Leader Angus Robertson MP has warned that the warm words included in partnership agreement set out by the Tory Liberal coalition today must be matched with real action for Scotland in reserved policy areas.

Commenting, Mr Robertson said:

“David Cameron has acknowledged that his programme for government incorporates ideas from all parties. He has clearly looked to Scotland as policy making devolved to England replicates many of the successes of the SNP Scottish Government – including freezing council tax and reducing business rates.

“But in many areas of reserved policy making his Programme for Government is heavy on warm words and light on real action to help the people of Scotland.

“Instead of offering to review the Fossil Fuel Levy, the UK Government must commit to releasing it to the Scottish Government to kick start the renewables revolution north of the border.

“Instead of non-specific pledges of support for the 2014 Commonwealth Games, the UK Government must release the Barnett consequential generated by the London Olympics to support a long term legacy from Glasgow’s Games.

“And instead of piloting schemes to reduce the fuel costs on rural areas, the UK Government must put in place measures that stop rocketing fuel prices once and for all.

“If this Tory Liberal coalition is to deliver a respect agenda, it needs to start by making some clear promises in the

reserved areas which matter to Scottish voters – and delivering on them.”