

First Minister sends good wishes to Scottish athletes



The Scottish Government has wished Scottish athletes the best of luck for London 2012.

Scottish Ministers have recorded a good luck message to all 54 Olympians and 23 Scottish Paralympians.

First Minister Alex Salmond said:-

“The eyes of the world are on the Olympics and the whole of Scotland is united in supporting our Olympians and Paralympians – our ‘Scolympians’ – to go for gold. Every member of TeamGB has worked exceptionally hard to get to this point and now stands on the cusp of greatness – I wish everyone taking part in London 2012 the very best of luck.”

The full text of the message to the Scolympians reads:

“London 2012 is here – and the whole of Scotland is united in supporting you – Scotland’s Olympic athletes – to go for gold.

“We are proud of all 54 Scottish Olympians and 23 Paralympians, you join an elite band of Scottish sporting heroes, from Eric Liddell’s movie-inspiring win in Paris in 1924, to Sir Chris Hoy’s record breaking four gold medals, we are proud of the Scottish talent hailing from our shores.

“In June, over 450,000 people lined Scotland’s streets to see the Olympic flame tour our communities and our most iconic landmarks. Our Torchbearers captured the nation’s imagination and have been an inspiration to us all.

“The eyes of the world are now on London – and this is your moment. I wish all of you taking part in London 2012 the very

best of luck.”

The video features the First Minister, Deputy First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, Finance Secretary John Swinney, Justice Secretary Kenny MacAskill and Education Secretary Michael Russell.