

The Scottish Government launches the White Paper on Independence

White Paper gives public detailed Q&A on independent Scotland.

The Scottish Government's white paper published today – called *Scotland's Future – Your Guide to an Independent Scotland* – will provide hundreds of pages of answers to key questions on independence.

Scotland's Future – Your Guide to an Independent Scotland, which is the most detailed blueprint for an independent country ever published, contains a comprehensive question and answer section, running to more than 200 pages, providing answers to 650 questions on independence.

The answers – along with downloadable copies of *Scotland's Future – Your Guide to an Independent Scotland* – will be available at www.scotreferendum.com as a fully searchable resource so that members of the public can easily find the answers they are looking for ahead of the referendum.

The www.scotreferendum.com site will also provide live coverage of the launch event from the Glasgow Science Centre, although it may have crashed this morning and so you can also watch the live coverage on Youtube [here](#).

Speaking ahead of the launch, Deputy First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said: -“*Scotland's Future – Your Guide to an Independent Scotland* is the most comprehensive blueprint for an independent country that has ever been produced.

“This is a document for the people of Scotland; it is their guide to independence, and it will provide both a vision for Scotland's future and the answers on independence that people

have been seeking.

“As part of the guide we will be providing the answers to people’s questions on how we become an independent country, what the opportunities are of independence, how our institutions of government will work and what the benefits can be of a vote for independence.

“All of the answers will be available online so people can search for any answer they want, including those to questions submitted by members of the public themselves.

“The guide and the answers it provides will show clearly and simply the difference that we can make in Scotland if decisions on Scotland’s future are taken by those who care most about Scotland, that is the people of Scotland.

“Our message to the people of Scotland is simple: read this guide, compare it with any alternative future for Scotland and make up your own mind.

“This guide to an independent Scotland will set out a vision for Scotland’s future, the ways in which we can use the powers of independence to build a wealthier and fairer Scotland and ensure that everyone benefits from our natural wealth and talent. This guide to independence will move the debate forward from how Scotland can become an independent country to the kind of country we can be.”