

# SNP make key appointments in Westminster group



The Scottish National Party's Westminster Leader Angus Robertson MP has confirmed the following key appointments within the SNP Group following the Party's historic success at last week's General Election.

- Economy spokesperson: Stewart Hosie MP
- Foreign Affairs spokesperson: Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP
- Work and Pensions spokesperson: Dr Eilidh Whiteford MP
- Justice and Home Affairs spokesperson: Joanna Cherry QC MP

Further announcements on key spokespeople will follow in the days ahead.

Commenting on his appointment as Economy spokesperson, Stewart Hosie MP said: "I'm thrilled to accept the appointment as the SNP's Economy spokesperson in Westminster.

"The election of 56 SNP MPs to Westminster provides a huge opportunity to stand up for Scotland. As well as oppose the Tory austerity agenda, we will press for the delivery of more powers for Scotland."

Commenting on his appointment as Foreign Affairs spokesperson, The Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP said: "I'm delighted to accept the appointment from Angus Robertson as the SNP's Foreign Affairs spokesperson at Westminster.

"Foreign affairs, and especially Europe, will be among the dominating issues in this parliament.

"The SNP will provide a strong, consistent voice which is pro-European, pro-developing world and against military

adventurism.

“The SNP will also make it a priority to promote Scotland in the international arena.”

Commenting on her appointment as Work and Pensions spokesperson Dr Eilidh Whiteford MP said: “I’m delighted to accept this appointment, and continue in the role as the SNP’s spokesperson for Work and Pensions.

“With further Tory cuts looming, it is perhaps more important than ever before that SNP MPs stand up for the most vulnerable and provide an anti-austerity voice in Westminster.”

Commenting on her appointment as Justice and Home Affairs spokesperson, Joanna Cherry QC said: “I’m absolutely delighted to have been appointed as Justice and Home Affairs spokesperson.

“Now more than ever it is imperative that Scotland’s voice is heard in Westminster. This includes robustly opposing any attempt by the UK Government to repeal the Human Rights Act or to withdraw from the ECHR.” Joanna Cherry was elected MP for Edinburgh South West at last week’s General Election. The Edinburgh Reporter was at the count and spoke to Joanna just after the result was announced

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