

Conservatives to table vote of no confidence in First Minister

The Scottish Conservatives say they will hold a Vote of No Confidence in Humza Yousaf after the ending of the Bute House Agreement which leaves the Scottish Government governing as a minority.

At First Minister's Questions, Leader of the Scottish Conservatives Douglas Ross said Humza Yousaf was "unfit for office" claiming he had U-turned on the Bute House Agreement.

Mr Ross said Humza Yousaf had shown he was "weak" after abandoning the coalition deal with the Scottish Greens just 48 hours after backing it.

Douglas Ross also highlighted brutal quotes from the Greens issued this morning which accused Humza Yousaf of "political cowardice". They said the "weak" First Minister had "betrayed the electorate".

Mr Ross said: "We called the SNP-Green deal a coalition of chaos – and it's ended in absolute chaos.

"Humza Yousaf's government is in crisis. It has unravelled. He has abandoned the platform he stood on.

"This weak First Minister jumped before Green members pushed him.

"The Scottish Conservatives will lodge a Vote of No Confidence in Humza Yousaf.

"He has failed as First Minister. He has focused on the wrong priorities. He has governed in the SNP's interests, not Scotland's interests. He is unfit for office.

"This morning, Humza Yousaf might have signed the moving out of Bute House agreement.

"Even his nationalist coalition partners don't trust him.

"He claims it's a new beginning. It's really the beginning of the end.

"This should be the end of the road for this weak First Minister."

SNP should not count on Greens for support

Speaking at First Minister's Questions today shortly after being sacked as a Government Minister, Patrick Harvie co-leader of the Scottish Greens, said, "Who does the First Minister think he has pleased most today, Douglas Ross, Fergus Ewing or Alex Salmond? And which of them does he think he can rely on for a majority in Parliament now?"

Commenting afterwards, he said: "The issues which matter to the Scottish Greens were core to the Bute House Agreement. Ramping up climate action, standing up for tenants rights, and protecting the most vulnerable people in society. We were committed to making a difference on these, day in day out, as part of the Scottish Government.

"Instead, Humza Yousaf has chosen to rely on social conservatives and the right wing of his party to run a minority government.

“That has significant consequences for how the Scottish Greens position ourselves in parliament, and the First Minister cannot rely on Green support while being dictated to by forces on the right.

“We remain committed to collaborative politics – Scotland deserves a Government that’s willing to cooperate, in the best interest of our country and of future generations. But you can’t rip up the most progressive co-operation deal in the history of this parliament and expect business to continue as usual.”