

We will support this change being phased in over the four-year period to 2019-20.

### **Fair work**

In-work poverty is a modern day scandal that must be tackled. We support increases in the personal tax allowance but will also back an increase in the Work Allowance – the amount people are allowed to earn before their benefit is cut – of 20 per cent. This will encourage people back into work by reducing the amount the state claws back – making work pay more.

We will also support tough action to end exploitative zero hours contracts.

### **Action on energy bills**

We will support lower energy bills for consumers by pushing for the Energy Company Obligation to be funded through general taxation and not as a levy on energy bills. We will also support new powers to make sure that energy companies pass on the benefits of lower prices to consumers.

We will also press for a change to the transmission charging system that is penalising Scottish generators and threatening the future of Longannet power station.

### **Greater care for our environment**

We will call on, and vote for, the UK Government to adopt Scotland's ambitious carbon reduction targets.

We will also continue to support a moratorium on fracking.

### **Ensuring equality**

We believe that women should be properly represented in public life. We will push for 50:50 representation on public and private boards, and ensure that women are fairly treated at work with action to secure equal pay and greater support for working parents with increased paternity leave.

### **Democratic reform**

Westminster badly needs to be reformed. An unelected second chamber is not acceptable in a modern democracy. Those with no democratic mandate should not be writing the laws of the land and SNP MPs will vote for the abolition of the House of Lords.

We will also vote for the replacement of the first past the post voting system with proportional representation.

### **Delivering Home Rule for Scotland**

The SNP will always support independence - but that is not what this election is about. It is about making Scotland stronger.

We will use the influence of SNP votes at Westminster to ensure that promises made during the referendum are delivered.

We will demand, firstly, that the proposals of the Smith Commission are delivered quickly and in full.

We believe that these proposals do not go far enough to honour the promises made during the referendum.