

Everyone agrees Westminster needs to change. The SNP is ready to play a constructive role, to challenge the old order with new and progressive ideas.

It's time to put fairness and equality back at the heart of government.

With a strong SNP team at Westminster we can use our influence to end the needless pain of Tory cuts. And we can campaign to secure more money for health, education and childcare.

Here are our key priorities to make Scotland stronger at Westminster:

An end to austerity

SNP MPs will demand an end to austerity. We oppose further spending cuts and propose modest spending increases - of 0.5 per cent above inflation - in each year of the next Parliament.

Under our plan, the deficit will still reduce each year, but there will be at least an additional £140 billion across the UK to invest in skills and infrastructure, in our NHS and other public services, and in measures to protect the vulnerable and lift people out of poverty.

We will also vote for the following revenue raising measures - the reintroduction of the 50 pence top tax rate, a tax on bankers' bonuses, a bank levy, a mansion tax, a crackdown on tax avoidance, the abolition of 'non-dom' status and reversal of the married couple's tax allowance.

Increased NHS funding

We will meet the NHS funding challenge laid down in the report of the NHS Chief Executive in England – the Stevens Report - and vote for an increase in NHS spending across the UK of £24 billion by 2020-21 - £9.5 billion above inflation.

This will deliver a total boost to the NHS Scotland budget of £2 billion by 2020-21.

SNP MPs will also vote against any further privatisation of the NHS in England and back any moves to restore it to a fully public service.

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Opposite: The future of Scotland's NHS is at the heart of the general election with SNP calls for an extra £2 billion for the health budget.