

## PFI Madness

Jamie recently received a written answer to a parliamentary question he asked to identify the true cost of the PFI funding mechanism widely used by the previous executive. He discovered that the total price for the 102 projects is £22.3 billion over a 42 year period.

The PFI funding ties the client into a long term contract paying for the maintenance and upkeep of the new buildings. This method of funding has come under a lot of criticism due to concerns over its value for money and the amount of tax-payers' money being given to the building contractors.

The current government are noted for their opposition to PFI/PPP. They made a commitment to introduce a Scottish Futures Trust over their first term in power to create a more attractive, and less constricting in the long term, solution.

## Motion to Protect Scotland Supporters

Jamie has lodged a motion in the parliament to protect Scotland fans from excessive ticket prices in the upcoming football match against France. The motion reads:

That the Parliament notes with concern the ticket prices of £41 and £82 being imposed on the fans of the Scottish national football side for its upcoming European Championship qualifying match against France in Paris and, given that these prices are far in excess of those applied to the previous fixture in Glasgow, asks the Scottish Football Association to engage with the French Football Federation to look at this again and to apply pricing that is reasonable for the average, loyal football supporter.

## Jamie Seeks to Protect Historic Monument

Jamie has voiced concerns over the neglect of an ancient monument in Dullatur, near Cumbernauld. The Carrickstone is connected with much of Scotland's history from Roman times to Robert the Bruce. Allegedly a Roman altar the stone, it is said, had Robert the Bruce's standard planted in it prior to the battle of Bannockburn.

Jamie has raised concerns over the poor care of the stone, which is subject to vandalism and a lack of awareness of the history attached to it. Coupled with the nearby Antonine Wall the stone is a telling reminder of the mark left by the Romans in Scotland. It also increases awareness of the Wars of Independence and the pivotal events which occurred across much of Central Scotland.

In letters to Historic Scotland and North Lanarkshire Jamie pointed out the tourism potential of monuments such as these given the Central Belt's links with the Romans.



Jamie with Aileen Campbell MSP and Bill Wilson MSP launching Epilepsy Scotland's guide to epilepsy in the work place.

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