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## Making Holyrood Work for Scotland

## Joining the Dots from Problem to Real Solutions

Scotland does not lack ideas. What it lacks is delivery.

Across government, we see the same pattern: problems are identified, reports are written, but the connection between evidence, decision-making, and real-world outcomes is too often missing. The result is legislation that is difficult to implement, hard for the public to understand, and ineffective or too slow to make a difference. As we have seen in the last parliament, some legislation is flawed or even dangerous, some has even been blocked by the courts.

This mini manifesto sets out a different approach, one rooted in evidence, focused on priorities, and committed to delivering practical solutions that tackle problems properly, to improve the priorities for people's lives all across Scotland.

Let's join the dots - get the basics right.

With ten years of parliamentary experience, in both government and opposition, I know how to make critical committees effective, how to raise important legislation, and how to build cross-party consensus.

My commitment to you is to be your independent voice: to focus on your priorities, work across parliament to raise the bar on delivery by asking the right questions without fear or favour.

Working to ensure that together, we set Scotland on a pathway where our potential is realised, and our communities and businesses thrive, is my promise.

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# FOR WOMEN. FOR CHILDREN. FOR SCOTLAND

## Joining the Dots: From Evidence to Action

We need a government that connects the evidence it gathers to the decisions it makes and the results people expect to see.

Better lawmaking restores trust. It ensures that government action leads to effective, real-world results.

## Principles

- Adopt a “join the dots” approach, linking data, frontline experience, and lived reality directly to legislative priorities.
- Ensure evidence is actively used to shape policy that is ready for implementation, not left sitting in reports.
- Deliver decision-ready policymaking, where legislation is designed to work in practice, not just in principle.
- Require every major law to show a clear chain: problem → evidence → solution → measurable outcome.
- Strengthen scrutiny so legislation is workable, enforceable, and properly resourced before it is passed.
- Focus on fewer, better laws, prioritising delivery over volume.
- Explore non-legislative solutions by working with businesses and communities to engage them in ‘Project Scotland’.
- Improve transparency so the public can understand what the government is doing, why it matters, and how success will be measured.
- Embed continuous evaluation so policies can be improved quickly when they are not working.

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# FOR WOMEN



**ALL LAWFUL SEX BASED RISK PROTECTIONS ENFORCED**

**ADDRESS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN PRISONS, HOSPITALS AND HOSTELS**

**SAY "NO" TO THE SEX TRADE  
CRIMINALISE SEX BUYING  
AND SUPPORT THOSE  
EXPLOITED IN PROSTITUTION**

**WOMEN HEALTH FOCUS**

# FOR CHILDREN



**CHILD SAFEGUARDING ENFORCED CONSISTENTLY**

**UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

**PHONE FREE, FULLY RESOURCED SCHOOLS WITH NATIONAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY**

**GET LOBBY GROUPS OUT OF EDUCATION**

# FOR SCOTLAND



**ENERGY SECURITY STRATEGY**

**INFRASTRUCTURE CONNECTIVITY STRATEGY**

**HEALTH CARE STRATEGY FIT FOR URBAN & RURAL COMMUNITIES**

**NATIONAL FOCUS: REMOVING BARRIERS IN BUILDING HOMES**

**BACKING BUSINESS AGAIN - REINFORCING SCOTLAND'S SME ECONOMIC BACKBONE**



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# FOR WOMEN.

Women's safety, dignity, and health must be central to policymaking.

- Tackle the crisis of male violence against women and girls at its roots.
- Criminalise the purchase of sex and support those exploited through prostitution, as set out in the *Unbuyable Bill*, making clear that women and children are not sexual commodities.
- Conduct a root-and-branch audit of data across health and justice bodies, disaggregated by sex, to properly identify inequality and patterns of criminality and abuse.
- Address inequalities in women's health services and outcomes.
- Protect and safeguard single-sex spaces and services, especially for vulnerable women in prisons, hospitals, care homes and hostels.
- Improve awareness, diagnosis, and treatment of conditions such as endometriosis.
- Increase funding for research into historically neglected women's health conditions.

# FOR CHILDREN.

Children need an education system that is safe, consistent, and focused on their future.

- Put safeguarding at the centre of education policy.
- Remove lobbyists from schools and school policymaking.
- Introduce a national ban on mobile phones in schools to support learning and behaviour.
- Establish a consistent, evidence-based behaviour policy.
- Complete the rollout of universal primary school meals.
- Invest in long-term school resources, not short-term initiatives.
- Support teachers with protected time for catch-up and extended learning.
- Ensure all children have access to the tools and support they need to succeed.
- Deliver meaningful RSHP education led by educators, covering wellbeing, consent, health, financial literacy, and protection from exploitation.

# FOR SCOTLAND.

Scotland needs government that focuses on competence, accountability, and delivery.

- Restore effective, evidence-based decision-making.
- Strengthen energy security and resilience.
- Improve infrastructure to better connect communities.
- Build a strong, sustainable economy.
- Support Scotland's SMEs, the backbone of local jobs and growth.
- Ensure policies are judged on outcomes, not intentions.

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# For Edinburgh and Lothians East.

Local priorities must be addressed with practical, deliverable solutions that reflect how people actually live and work.

## Housing That Works for Communities

- Deliver genuinely affordable housing for local people - not just headline targets.
- Ensure infrastructure keeps pace with development so communities are not overstretched.
- Reflect the needs of existing residents in planning decisions.

## Transport That Works - Not Punishes Car Drivers and Business

- Improve transport links across Edinburgh East and the Lothians to connect people to jobs and services.
- Oppose excessive parking charges and policies that penalise drivers without viable alternatives.
- Protect commuter access through Holyrood Park, ensuring decisions balance environmental goals with the realities of daily travel.
- Invest in road maintenance and reduce congestion alongside public transport improvements.

## Tram Expansion and Connectivity

- Support the extension of the Edinburgh Trams to key sites, including the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.
- Ensure all future expansion is delivered competently, on time, and with value for money.

## Access to NHS Dentists and Local Healthcare

- Address the shortage of NHS dentists through improved contracts and workforce support.
- Ensure residents can access NHS dental care locally without long waits or being pushed into private treatment.
- Strengthen local healthcare services to reduce pressure on hospitals and improve early intervention.

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# A Parliament and a Government That Delivers

This manifesto is built on a simple principle: parliament and government must work for the people.

That means:

- Clear priorities
- Evidence-based decisions
- Laws that are practical and enforceable
- Transparency to build trust
- And a relentless focus on outcomes

Scotland deserves leadership that connects problems to solutions - and follows through.

Making Holyrood work again for Scotland means [joining the dots](#) to deliver real change.



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