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Item 1 – Briefing from 7 September 2021:

TOP LINES

The Scottish Government has a clear mandate to hold a referendum on independence and is committed to doing so once the Covid crisis has passed and, Covid allowing, within the first half of this Parliament.

- It is crucial that before this referendum the people of Scotland will have the information they need to make an informed choice about their future.
- The Scottish Government will therefore now restart work on the detailed prospectus for independence that will guide the decision.
- The case for independence is a strong one, and we will present it openly, frankly and with confidence and ambition.

Item 2 – Briefing from 7 September 2021 for use as necessary in response to enquiries:

Restart of independence work:

For Information:

We would refer you to this section of the First Minister's speech in Parliament today:

“Crucially we will ensure that the choice, when it does come, is a fully informed one.

“To that end I can confirm that the Scottish Government will now restart work on the detailed prospectus that will guide the decision.

“The case for independence is a strong one, and we will present it openly, frankly and with confidence and ambition.”

Link: [First Minister: Programme for Government 2021-2022 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/Information/First-Minister/Programme-for-Government-2021-2022)

If asked: on timing of publication of the prospectus:

“We plan to have the detailed prospectus ready in good time to enable the people of Scotland to make an informed choice about their future.”