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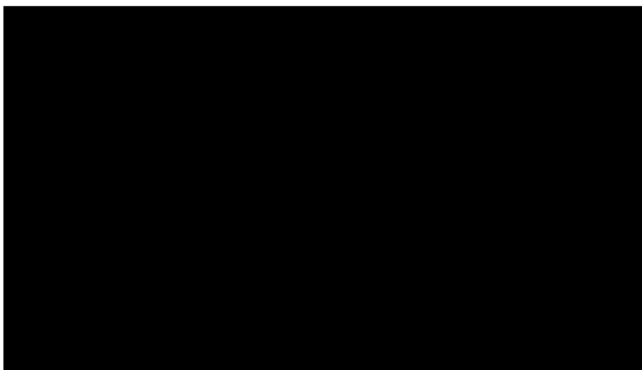
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Dear Deputy First Minister

Scottish Referendum question assessment

Thank you for your letter of 9 November requesting under section 10(1) of the Political Parties Elections and Referendums Act 2000 that the Commission assesses the proposed question to be asked in the Scottish Referendum in autumn 2014.

The Commission has considered your request and agrees to undertake the provision of advice on this question. The Commission's advice will be provided in the form of a published report of its views as to the intelligibility of the referendum question, made publicly available on our website and will be laid before the Scottish Parliament for its consideration in relation to the Referendum Bill.



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