

**FOLLOW UP LETTER FROM GAVIN BROWN MSP TO DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER**

29 January 2014

Dear Deputy First Minister

I refer to your letter to the Convener of the European and External Relations Committee dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014, which was following up your evidence session on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013. I received a copy of the letter today in my capacity as a substitute on the Committee.

Annex 1, attached to your letter, provides a general note on ratification. However, it does not outline what work has been done by the Scottish Government to check whether all other member countries would be able to conform to the timetable that is laid out in the white paper. I refer you to Column 1604 of the Official Report of the Committee Meeting. I would be grateful if you could outline the constitutional process that each existing Member State would need to undertake, along with likely timelines.

Annex 2, attached to your letter, provides a list of over 20 'Currency Quotes.' I would be grateful if you could confirm which of those quotes you consider support your assertion that an independent Scotland would get a formal opt-out from the Euro. I refer you to Column 1619 of the Official Report of the Committee Meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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