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SCDI Response to the Comprehensive Spending Review

In responding to today's CSR announcement, SCDI Chief Executive, Dr Lesley Sawers said:

"This review cuts Scotland's public sector too far and too fast on one hand, and offers little support for private sector growth on the other.

"Restoration of the public finances is essential, however there are real risks to businesses and jobs. At the very least, we need a flexible approach which recognises the economic impact of cutbacks on Scotland's regions and communities.

"The announcements on Carbon Capture and Storage, broadband and renewable energy are welcome, but these will not create jobs anywhere near quickly enough to replace those lost in the public sector.

"We are concerned that the UK Government's proposals in relation to the Fossil Fuel Levy will not deliver the investment in infrastructure needed now, to enable growth of Scotland's low carbon economy.

"The Scottish Government will now have to make its own tough decisions on how to support economic recovery and growth across Scotland. SCDI will play its part to ensure the voice of civic Scotland is heard."

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Notes to editors



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