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SCDI RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ON SCOTTISH DEVOLUTION

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Responding to the publication of the final report of the Commission on Scottish Devolution, Dr Lesley Sawers, Chief Executive of SCDI, said:

"We have to look at the detail of the report and the implications for the economy, but we absolutely support the core principle of greater responsibility and accountability of government here in Scotland.

"Holyrood ministers must be responsible for raising a greater part of their revenue, and be given proper incentives to grow the economy in order to fund services, so we support the Commission's recommendation to extend the tax controls of the Scottish Parliament.

"The debate on borrowing powers is crucial to Scotland's capital investment programme, especially with the projected cost of the new Forth Road Bridge. We now want to see the introduction of a practical borrowing mechanism to allow the Scottish Government to invest in Scotland's future economic growth.

"The Scottish Parliament was meant to usher in a new style of politics and we hope that the Commission's recommendations on inter-parliament working will result in a more collaborative relationship between Holyrood and Westminster."

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