



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

**A Response to the Local Government Funding Campaign**

Here in Scotland, local government funding is a devolved matter, and therefore funds are allocated by the Scottish Government, not the Chancellor of the Exchequer. I share your concern that Scottish local authorities are being subject to underinvestment that is making it harder for hardworking council staff to provide quality services to local people.

Council revenue funding from the SNP has fallen by almost a tenth from 2010, despite the fact that funding which the Scottish Government receives from the UK Government has increased in recent years, including by £2 billion in last autumn's budget.

Unfortunately, despite the best efforts of council staff, this has led to local government services across Scotland declining. The most recent Scotland's People Annual Report shows that Scots' satisfaction with public services is continuing to decline, and is now considerably lower than when the SNP came into office in 2007.

I believe that it is time for the Scottish Government to address the crisis in Scotland's public services. Scotland deserves a government that will give local authorities the power, the freedom, and the funding to provide quality services attuned to local needs.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Alister Jack'.

**Alister Jack DL MP**  
**Dumfries and Galloway constituency.**