

# Thornberry won't rule out SNP deal

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The Scottish Conservatives have attacked Labour after its shadow defence secretary Emily Thornberry refused to rule out a deal with the SNP after next week's election.

On Newsnight last night, Ms Thornberry was asked whether or not Labour would have a coalition agreement with the SNP. She replied: "I'm not dealing in hypotheticals with you"

It comes after Jeremy Corbyn confirmed earlier this week that he would open to discussions with Nicola Sturgeon about a second referendum on independence.

## **Scottish Conservative shadow finance secretary Murdo Fraser said:**

"Emily Thornberry wouldn't answer the question about a deal with the SNP because the truth is Labour would jump into bed with the SNP in a heartbeat.

"Jeremy Corbyn has already said he is happy to speak to Nicola Sturgeon about a second referendum. And both parties are also preparing to raid the magic money tree, borrowing billions more.

"Her performance only goes to show that if you want to bring a halt to the SNP's second referendum, you have to vote Scottish Conservative at this election.

"A vote for Labour is a vote to let Nicola Sturgeon roll out her referendum. Only we can stop the SNP in their tracks."

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The Newsnight clip can be seen here:

<https://twitter.com/BBCNewsnight/status/870220413116321797>