

## [Ian Blackford MP's response to the 2017 UK budget](#)

Below is the speech given by SNP Westminster Leader Ian Blackford MP in response to the Chancellor's 2017 budget.

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## [Letter to Jeremy Corbyn: Why is Labour supporting the Tories on Brexit?](#)

Dear Jeremy,

Last night the Labour Party abstained on a crucial vote aimed at protecting the UK's place in the customs union. I find this particularly difficult to understand given that the amendment the House voted on was in the name of the Labour Member for Edinburgh South, Ian Murray.

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## [The Tories are letting young people down and it has to stop](#)

It's Budget week – a time when [political parties write out their wish lists to the Chancellor](#). It's a bit like sending a Christmas letter to Santa, but instead of it going to a jolly old man in a red suit – it goes to a Tory old man with a red briefcase.

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## **Minimum pricing can help families whose lives are torn apart by alcohol abuse**

This week, the UK Supreme Court found in favour of the Scottish Government and unanimously rejected a challenge by the Scotch Whisky Association to the Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Act 2012.

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## **Maintaining Scotland's global leadership on climate change and the environment**

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon addressed the UN Climate Change Conference, COP23, in Bonn this week. The unprecedented invitation to address the conference is recognition of Scotland's global leadership on climate change and the environment.

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