

## **Scotland didn't vote for austerity but it still cost us £2.6billion**

As MPs head back to Westminster for the start of the new parliamentary year, the coming weeks and months will be a real test of credibility for Tory and Labour politicians in Scotland. Will they continue to obey and rubber-stamp every damaging policy imposed by their Westminster leaders or will they finally join the SNP in standing up for the interests of their Scottish constituents?

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## **We cannot allow Brexit to derail our focus on delivering a better Scotland**

This week First Minister Nicola Sturgeon will set out the Scottish Government's plans for the year ahead in her Programme for Government speech. Below Nicola Sturgeon sets out how we've delivered progress over the past year and will continue to do so this year.

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## **Putting decisions about Scotland's future in the hands of the many**

In the last few weeks the UK government has started to set out the grim consequences of a 'no deal' Brexit and how they will deal with them.

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## **Scotland must have a role in future UK trade talks**

The Scottish Government has published a new paper setting out why Scotland can, should and must have a role in future UK trade talks. Here's what you need to know.

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## **Over to you: how the National Assembly in Ayr put members in charge**

On Saturday we held the first of three National Assemblies in Ayr. The event used an innovative new format that put members in charge of the conversation and ensured their voice was heard.

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