

**PE1452/G**

CBI Scotland Letter of 27 March 2013

Dear Mr Hynd,

Thank you for your query.

We are very short-staffed at the moment due to long term illness and staff holidays, and so please forgive me for this very brief reply.

I would make the following substantive point in response to the 'Background info' provided on the Petition - with respect to the huge number and varied suggestions put forward in The People's Charter (e.g. for far greater levels of State control over the economy, nationalisation of large swathes of the economy etc), no actual evidence appears to have been put forward detailing the benefits that all these ideas would bring let alone the potential risks and costs that would be involved, and which therefore would allow Parliament and the wider public (including ourselves) to evaluate and make an informed assessment of what is being proposed.

I do hope this response is of some assistance.

Regards,

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