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SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

Governance and Communities

Willie Rennie (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Scottish Liberal Democrats): To ask the Scottish Government whether Scottish websites and email addresses in an independent Scotland would have to change their internet suffix from .uk to .scot and, if so, what the cost would be.

(S4W-16428)

John Swinney: The .uk TLD is operated by Nominet and their policies set out that .uk domains available for purchase may be bought by consumers anywhere in the world. When the .scot TLD is established it will be available under specified criteria, agreed with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers and users can decide whether to purchase the domain as an addition or alternative to other available internet domains.

Willie Rennie (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Scottish Liberal Democrats): To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with (a) businesses and (b) internet service providers regarding the introduction of a Scottish internet suffix in an independent Scotland.

(S4W-16429)

John Swinney: The Scottish Government supports the application by Dot Scot Registry (DSR) for the .scot Top Level Domain (TLD) which is a 'community' bid intended to be representative of the Scottish online community, including businesses and the wider Scots diaspora. Research was conducted in 2008 prior to the formation of DSR which showed strong demand for TLD associated with a Scottish online identity. The DSR bid is supported by the Scottish Government and includes declarations of support from a wide range of companies, organisations and individuals.

The following questions received holding answers:

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