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## SCOTLAND WHITE PAPER

### Purpose

1. This minute
  - 1.1 invites Ministers' initial reaction to the text of the enclosed early draft of the White Paper; and
  - 1.2 seeks Ministers' views on the styling issues for the White Paper.

### Timing

2. Routine.

### Background

3. The process of securing policy clearance to the range of issues which need to be resolved for inclusion in the White Paper is barely under way as yet. The enclosed text is therefore highly provisional, and will be updated successively as policy is confirmed. It is therefore very much "work in progress".
4. The timetable to which we are now working envisages that the draft White Paper would be circulated to other Departments after the meeting of DSWR on 10 June, at which it is hoped to resolve most if not all outstanding policy issues.
5. We would then be on track to publish the White Paper in the week beginning 14 July.