

SNP's broken promise on income tax

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The Scottish Conservatives will today (Tuesday) highlight the SNP's broken promise on income tax during the Holyrood debate on the Rates Resolution.

The Scottish Government has set out the increased Scottish income tax rates and bands, which will further widen the tax gap between Scotland and the rest of the United Kingdom.

Murdo Fraser, Scottish Conservative shadow finance secretary will point out that the SNP government was elected on a manifesto not to increase the basic rate of income tax.

The Scottish Conservatives will vote against this increase, thereby keeping their own manifesto promise.

Murdo Fraser, Scottish Conservative shadow finance secretary will say:

"Today's Rates Resolution is another broken promise to the Scottish people.

"This is an SNP government elected on a manifesto not to increase income tax rates, and it has again broken that promise.

"In 2016 almost two-thirds of Scots, 64.6%, voted for parties that promised not to raise taxes in the Scottish Parliament's election, either the SNP or the Scottish Conservatives.

"Today the SNP have let these people down again.

"We will say to the Scottish people, there is at least one party that is on your side, one party that does not want to see the income tax gap between Scotland and the rest of the UK growing, one party which will oppose the unfair car park tax, and that is the Scottish Conservatives.

"We will oppose the Rates Resolution today which can only damage the Scottish economy and our hard-working families."