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Nicola Sturgeon can't name a single company or business organisation which supports her plan to ditch the UK pound in an independent Scotland.

The First Minister was challenged today to list any respected organisation that backed the controversial proposals to dump the pound and adopt a new mystery Scottish currency.

This is despite telling MSPs at First Minister's Questions today that she looked forward to independence "happening very soon".

But she failed to do so, instead referring to the ongoing Brexit process.

And she also failed to explain why Richard Marsh, an adviser to her very own Growth Commission, held such a different opinion about currency in a separate Scotland.

He was reported as saying this week that, on the first day of independence, there would be an economic shock "similar to that seen during the 2008 financial crisis".

Scottish Conservative interim leader Jackson Carlaw said:

"Nicola Sturgeon cannot name a single business representative body or trade union that has given its support to her plan to scrap the pound.

"And there's obviously a reason for that.

"Even advisers to her own Growth Commission think the plan is a turkey.

"Nicola Sturgeon was right when she used to say keeping the UK pound is in the best interests of Scotland.

"It's a simple fact that the best way to keep Scotland successful, to protect our pensions, to boost jobs is to have nothing to do with the SNP's plans for a breakaway currency.

"We must instead keep our UK pound, and keep Scotland in the UK."