

# Updated summary of forecasts of the Scottish deficit in the year of independence

**1.1** On 11 March 2014, the Treasury published a summary of forecasts of the Scottish deficit for 2016–17. This update contains new and revised forecasts published over the past five months.

**1.2** Table 1.A shows forecasts for the Scottish deficit as a share of Scottish GDP, in £s billion, and what this means for each Scottish person. Where necessary HM Treasury has converted published information to present each forecast in all three ways.

**1.3** Note also that this comparison again uses the most cautious Scottish Government forecast from its latest fiscal publication, *Outlook for Scotland's Public Finances and the Opportunities of Independence* (May 2014).

**Table 1.A: Forecasts of the Scottish deficit in 2016–17**

Forecasting body	Per cent of GDP	£ billions	£ per head
Scottish Government	2.8	4.8	890
Centre for Public Policy for Regions (CPPR)	5.5	9.4	1,740
Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS)	5.5	9.5	1,760
HM Treasury	5.2	8.9	1,650
Citi Group	5.5	9.4	1,750
Sir Ian Wood (implied)	4.3	7.5	1,390

*Source:*

- Scottish Government – *Outlook for Scotland's Public Finances and the Opportunities of Independence* (May 2014).
- Centre for Public Policy for Regions (CPPR) – *Fiscal implications for an independent Scotland* (April 2014)
- HM Treasury – taking the Scottish Government's above forecast but applying the OBR's
- independent forecast for North Sea oil and gas receipts in *Economic and fiscal outlook* (March 2014)
- Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) – *Taxation, government spending and the public finances of Scotland: updating the medium term outlook* (June 2014)
- Citi Group – *Update on Scotland's fiscal deficit* (March 2014)
- Sir Ian Wood (implied) – taking the Scottish Government's above forecast but applying Sir Ian Wood's forecast for North Sea oil and gas tax receipts – <http://www.energyvoice.com/2014/08/sir-ian-wood-breaks-silence-ahead-scotlands-independence-vote/>