

Jenny Marra continues to campaign for civil service jobs

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Jenny Marra MSP has received a letter from the First Minister Nicola Sturgeon in response to her request that the First Minister put the new Scottish Benefits Agency in Dundee.

Jenny launched a campaign to bring the 300 job centre to Dundee. The Scottish Government has said that it will establish a new Scottish Benefits Agency to manage benefits in Scotland when the welfare powers transfer under the new Scotland Act.

Ms Marra has said that Dundee is the ideal place to put the new benefits agency as we have experienced civil servants, cheaper commercial property than the central belt and most importantly, a great need for well paid jobs in the City.

She said :

“Shona Robison made her political name in Dundee by saying there should be more civil service jobs in the City. But since the SNP came to power nine years ago they have not transferred or created one single civil service job in Dundee. It is now time for the SNP to make good on their promise of civil service jobs for Dundee and put the new Scottish Benefits Agency here.”

Nicola Sturgeon says in her letter that she is not yet at the stage of making a decision on the location of the new benefits agency and will be considering locations all over Scotland.