

From Max McCaird our financial correspondent



Brave Scotlandshire Labour leader Johann Lamont's brave speech this week has confounded the nay-sayers.

The brave Ms Lamont's recent brave realignment of the brave Labour party with the Tories was denounced by doom-mongers who claimed it would drive ordinary decent Scotlandshire folk into the hairy arms of unwashed separatists.

But a report bravely released today by Labour's brave policy department for Desperately Spinning & Backpedalling shows that public response to the brave speech has created a massive boost to the economy of Scotlandshire parish.

A spokespolicywonk said: "We spent days trying to get former Labour donors to answer our calls, and we finally found a couple of businesses willing to say something we could put a positive spin on, after we promised to have a wee look at their planning applications.

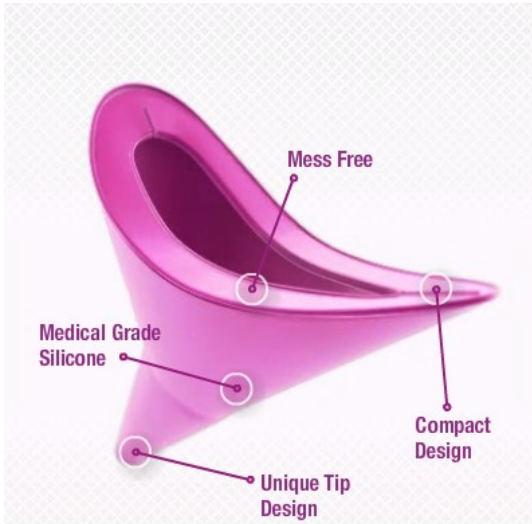
"By the way. Here's a copy of my CV, just in case a vacancy comes up. I've got to get out of here. For God's sake please help me."

The new report shows that demand has increased across a number of sectors of the economy, and at some point in the distant future could even possibly lead to a job offer to someone who wasn't related to a councillor.

The report stresses that no firm commitment on the number of jobs to be created can be given until after the independence referendum, but hints that if Scotlandshire rejects the fantasy politics of saliva drooling separatism, it could be as many as 2 part time positions paying the minimum wage. Although that might be abolished as it's suspiciously universal.

A spokeswelder for construction equipment rental company Joist A Wee Minute praised brave Ms Lamont's brave speech, and said:

"We've been rushed off our feet since Wednesday, and have received hundreds of orders for RSJs and scaffolding to prop up the mandibles of Labour supporters and voters whose jaws dropped to the floor when they heard Johann's speech."



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