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**The SNP has been dealt yet another fatal blow to their long-term plan for independence as Tesco announces thousands of jobs will go across the whole country. Scottish Labour has claimed the doom-laden predictions made before the separation referendum have come to fruition at the mere hint of a possible re-run.**

Jim Morphy MP, pro-tem manager of the Labour Party's Scotlandshire branch office, has called on Nicola Sturgeon to abandon her "sneaking about to gain separation through the back door" and to "start governing Scotlandshire for all true Scots patriots".

Earlier this week, supermarket giant Tesco announced thousands of jobs were to be lost throughout the UK. Over 300 jobs will be lost at four Scotlandshire stores as part of this restructuring plan. The store closure in Kirkcaldy, with the loss of 180 jobs, has been the most controversial and featured prominently in the global news this week.

A Tesco value range spokesman commented: "Business financial restructuring and the rise of

smaller independent supermarkets has unfortunately forced Tesco into this store closure programme.”

A Scottish Government insider told BBC Scotlandshire that the delay in responding to this fresh UK crisis was caused by the First Minister and her cabinet still being a little hungover.



The insider commented: “The SNP politicians had a massive celebration this week when both Andy Murray got to the final of the tennis and then cherry on the top time, Joan McAlpine finally managed to talk Fergus Ewing into a fracking moratorium. They’d have sobered up by now if Deputy Kezia Dawgdale hadn’t turned up with a funny tasting bottle of Pimms.”

Former politician and MP for Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath has reluctantly come out of self-imposed seclusion to intervene. As is the luck of Gordon Brown MP, he just happened to be shopping with his family in the Kirkcaldy store when this announcement was first made earlier this week.

Mr Brown commented: “I don’t normally intervene in my old constituency since I retired from politics but I was ambushed by the Kirkcaldy Tesco store staff just as the news of the job losses filtered through.

"Never one to back down from a fight - well apart from that wee one-off Westminster election I failed to call then regretted - I vow to save this Tesco store from closure.

"Other options involving community ownership will be explored even if my proposal to save the union of Tesco and the Post Office at this location is rejected.

"I will deliver as near as possible to store rule for the people of Kirkcaldy and rid this town of Boom and Bust once and for all."

It is unclear why the local independent music store called "Boom and Bust" has come under attack by the former Prime Minister.

Protesters took to the streets of Kirkcaldy this morning to demonstrate against the closure of the store. They were joined by the Scottish Labour Party and the Westminster Labour Party in apparent competing campaigns.

Gordon Brown was inside the store reassuring staff and customers that he would be "The Guardian of the Tesco Vow" and it would be delivered by Westminster Labour or he'd need to get very angry before resuming retired life.



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