it take before another approach is considered? We should be told.

The handling of resolutions and amendments for debate at the conference makes doubtful the claim to be an independence party. It seems the party's sole purpose is to harvest votes, maintain the Union through devolution and blunt hopes of independence in the foreseeable future.

Drew Reid
Falkirk

WELL done to Jim Stamper for his research and the letter regarding the UN ICCPR and the provisions within the Charter of the United Nations, the articles which highlight the UK Government's responsibilities as a "state party" and the "promoting the realisation of the right to self-determination". So my question is, if Jim Stamper can find and publish this piece of legislation,



Are John Swinney and colleagues content to administer devolution indefinitely?

why can't our paid politicians and their backroom staff?

Ken McCartney
Hawick

CONGRATULATIONS to South Lanarkshire's newes elected member, Councillor Leigh Payne. However, she won the by-election with onl 27.6% of the first-preference vote. The Greens gained 8.2%. The combined pro-independence vote was therefore 35.8%. The turnout was 23.2%. So there was a pro-independence vote of just over 8% of the electorate.

I am sadly beginning to hope that there is not a second referendum in the very near future – not until the SNP and Greens, by their actions in the Scottish Parliament, can persuade a much larger section of the electorate to support both them and independence.

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