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# SCOTTISH CORPORATE REPUTATION SURVEY 2012 Scottish Independence questions Survey topline - Final Version (27/11/12)

- 251 telephone interviews were conducted between 25 September and 31 October 2012
- Data are weighted by business size to ensure overall results are a representative of the profile of business in Scotland
- Where results do not sum to 100, this may be due to multiple responses, computer rounding or the exclusion of don't knows/not stated
- Results are based on all respondents unless otherwise stated
- An asterisk (\*) represents a value of less than one half of one percent, but not zero

#### **SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE**

I would now like to ask you a few questions about the current debate about Scotland's constitutional future

Do you think that Scottish independence would improve or worsen prospects for your business? SINGLE CODE

	Net (Improve – Worsen)	-46
	Don't know	8
	Too early to say	26
	Worsen	56
	Improve	10
Base: All		% (251)

Do you think that Scottish independence would have a.....? SINGLE CODE

	%
Base: All	(251)
Positive impact on businesses in Scotland	13
Negative impact on businesses in Scotland	72
No impact on businesses in Scotland	9
Don't know	6
Net (Positive – Negative)	-59

To what extent has your business started to plan ahead for the possibility of Scotland becoming independent from the rest of the UK? SINGLE CODE (PROMPT with factors such as changes to EU membership, currency, import/exports, work permits and immigration etc?)

	Just a little/Not at all	92
	A great deal/A fair amount	6
	Don't know	2
	Not at all	76
	Just a little	16
	A fair amount	4
	A great deal	3
Base: All		(251)
		%

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## **Demographics**

### What is your job title?

	%
Chairman	2
CEO	3
Managing Director (MD)	38
Finance Director	5
Company Secretary	1
Other senior director	19
General Manager	16
Operations Manager	4
Company Secretary	1
Other	12

Are you responsible for making strategic decisions about the company's affairs in Scotland?

	%
Yes	100
No	0

How many people are employed by your business including subsidiary companies <u>in Scotland?</u>

	%
Under 50 employees	0
50 – 249 employees	76
250+ employees	24

How many people are employed by your business including subsidiary companies <u>in total?</u>

	%
Under 50 employees	0
50 – 249 employees	62
250+ employees	38

#### Where is your company's head office?

	%
Scotland	80
Elsewhere in the UK	13
USA	4
Europe – EU	2
Europe – Non-EU	*
Elsewhere	1

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## What business sector are you in? READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY

	%
Manufacturing	19
Accommodation and food service activities	18
Construction	13
Transportation and storage	7
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	5
Administrative and support service activities	4
Culture and leisure	4
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	3
Information and communication	3
Real estate activities	2
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2
Retail	2
Mining and Quarrying	1
Water supply; Sewerage, waste management and	1
remediation activities	
Financial and insurance activities	*
Other service activities	11
Other	5