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## Weekly Media Review - Week beginning 14 December

### 1) Renewing Democracy

- In an effort to woo Scottish voters the Conservative leader David Cameron promised to strengthen the Scottish Parliament in a reform package aimed at devolution.
  - [David Cameron promises blueprint for more Holyrood powers 'in first year as PM'](#)
  - [We will use Calman to strengthen Union](#)
- A comprehensive report published by the London-based think-tank Demos analyses the distribution of power within the United Kingdom through constituency impact. According to the report Scotland features some of the least influential parliamentary seats in the UK.
  - [The Power Gap](#)
  - [Glasgow bottom of UK 'power map'](#)

### 2) Public Service Reform

- In an effort to curb public sector expenditure Scottish Finance Secretary John Swinney is exploring the option of capping and cutting the wages of high earning public sector employees.
  - [SNP in talks to cut fat cat pay by 5%](#)
  - [SNP targets top earners to cut state wage bill](#)
  - [Public-sector bosses face pay cut as LibDems seek deal on budget](#)
- Proposals by Scottish Finance Secretary John Swinney to abandon the publication of public notices in newspapers in favour of web-based announcements in an effort to cut costs caused outrage by members of the opposition parties in the Scottish Parliament.
  - [Net loss for newspapers as John Swinney plans to move public notices online](#)
  - [Outrage at SNP plans for public notice ads](#)
  - [SNP accused of ignoring pledge to help press](#)
  - ['Grim times' lie ahead for public spending](#)
  - [Public Information Notices \(Advertising\)](#)

### 3) Energy&Environment

- The SNP, Liberal Democrats and Greens expressed their disappointment with the unsatisfying outcome of the Copenhagen summit describing the final document as 'an abject failure' and a 'missed opportunity'.
  - [Copenhagen Summit "An Abject Failure Not Worth Signing"](#)
  - [First Minister comments on Copenhagen](#)
  - [COP15 turns into cop out by world leaders - Lyon](#)

- The Shetland isles will be the site of Scotland's first wave farm as part of a joint project by Edinburgh-based Pelamis Wave Power and the multi-national energy giant Vattenfall.
  - [Sea snakes ahoy! Plans unveiled for £60m Shetland wave-farm](#)
  - [Isles get first wave power scheme](#)
  
- Criticising the Scottish government's anti-nuclear stance, oil tycoon Sir Ian Wood urged to re-think a strategy that would lead to Scotland's dependence on renewable green energy alone.
  - [SNP is in denial over need for nuclear power, says oil tycoon](#)
  - [Jenny Hjul: Salmond should press the nuclear option](#)
  - [Emissions Targets \(Nuclear Power\)](#)
  
- The First Minister's visit to and his activities at the Copenhagen summit received widespread media coverage enabling him to set out his vision of a 'green future' for Scotland.
  - [Salmond told his visit 'will achieve nothing'](#)
  - [Alex Salmond: Our small country can play a big role in climate change fight](#)
  - [Alex Salmond pretends to play with the big boys in Copenhagen as patients go untreated at home](#)
  - [Copenhagan urged to share Scotland's ambition](#)
  - [Salmond's meeting with Arnie is . . . terminated](#)