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**The Prince & Princess
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BROADCASTER.**

Distinguished political broadcaster and publisher Andrew Neil today shared his opinion on this week's spending review and its potential impact on the British economy to over 240 guests at The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice's annual Business Lunch on Friday 22nd October at Glasgow's City Chambers.

Neil summarised that whilst the spending cuts will undoubtedly be painful, it still remains to be seen whether the growth forecasted for the private sector will lessen the blow, particularly in terms of employment.

He discussed the unusual nature of the UK's current political situation following this year's election, with the formation of the first coalition government in 70 years leading to only one major party being in opposition in England. He highlighted that this, combined with the government's planned radical reforms of welfare and the NHS, leave it "all to play for" in the years leading up to the next general election.

Neil, whose brother sadly passed away in a Hospice last year, closed by thanking guests for their support of the Hospice and asked them to give generously, describing those who worked in the Hospice movement as 'the most honourable people in Britain'.

Guests took this advice to heart, raising nearly £9,000 for the Hospice, which provides invaluable care and support for its terminally ill patients and their families in Glasgow.

Chris Horne, Managing Partner of principle sponsor Campbell Dallas said:

"It was both insightful and informative to be part of an exclusive audience with Andrew Neil during such an important week for the UK economy. We are very pleased to continue our sponsorship of this event and delighted to see such generous support of The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice, particularly in the current climate of financial uncertainty."

Picture: Andrew Neil with Rhona Baillie, Chief Executive of the Hospice and Chris Horne, Managing Partner, Campbell Dallas.

Notes to Editor:

The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice, situated on the banks of the river Clyde in Glasgow, exists to help our patients with terminal and life-limiting illness achieve the best quality of life possible in whatever time remains for them by providing care and support for patients, their families, children and carers.

The Hospice's approach is holistic one, recognising our patients' emotional, social and spiritual needs as well as practising advanced pain and symptom control. The aim of our care is to treat the person, not the disease and offer practical and emotional support to families and carers.

In order to continue to provide Hospice services free of charge to the people of Glasgow, the Hospice must raise over £2.6 million each year in voluntary donations.

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