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I'm afraid we're past making changes. But obviously respect you need to make your point absolutely clear in commenting.

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Of course, it would be good if there is still time to correct the Exec Summary...
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On 11 Feb 2013, at 09:59, "SUTTON Michelle (CAB-BARROSO)" <Michelle.SUTTON@ec.europa.eu> wrote:

Thanks. The quote is of course fine. But the Exec Summary as you quote it below implies the Commission has opined on the Scottish situation in particular. We of course will be clear that we have not and will not comment on specific cases in the absence of a specific scenario submitted by a Member State.
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On 11 Feb 2013, at 06:55,

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As I mentioned when I saw Johannes – here's the first of HMG's "Scotland Analysis" papers. It will be published at www.gov.uk/scotlandanalysis around 11.15 Brussels time. Please treat in strict confidence until it's up on the website.

The EU legal issues get some prominence – notably pages 45-52 (and in the annex). There's a quote from President Barroso on pages 50-51. The Executive Summary says:

The UK's EU membership would continue automatically. For an independent Scottish state, negotiations would be needed. Rather than being purely a matter of law, the mechanism for an independent Scottish state to become a member of the EU would depend on the outcome of negotiations and on the attitude of other EU institutions and Member States. It is likely to be a process requiring unanimity across all Member States of the EU. Since an independent Scotland would be a new state there is a strong case that it would have to go through some form of accession process to become a member of the EU. This is the view expressed by the President of the European Commission.

I'm on my blackberry if you want to speak. I'm back in the UK for half-term so not checking emails regularly.

All the best

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