1. The Land Reform Bill should contain measures to ensure that all land owners in Scotland should be registered in the EU.
2. In order for Agricultural land to be used to its full potential, all '91 act tenants should be given the option of buying the farm they rent. This should be limited to one farm per person.
3. The exemption from business tax relief should be lifted from all Sporting Estates as planned in the Bill.
4. Any plans to demote a secure 91 act tenancy to any kind of new limited duration tenancy will have a detrimental effect on the Agricultural sector. Farmers farm the land with a view to the next generation. If the next generation is not guaranteed then few plans will be laid down, therefore the land suffers, the agricultural sector suffers and our economy suffers. In addition to this, if we loose secure tenancies we run a high risk of loosing farming families in our communities. Communities are the cornerstones of society.
5. If a Landlord is not fulfilling his duties then an automatic right to buy should be triggered. Why has this been made non retrospective?
6. Why has legislation regarding succession laws in Scotland been left to a separate Bill? The legislation would be specifically about LAND inheritance …this is a Land Reform Bill…..why is it not included this time?
7. Why has a Land Tax not been introduced in the Land Reform Bill?
8. Why has a Land holding qualification not be made a prerequisite for owning land in Scotland?
9. Deer Management codes must be made compulsory and not left merely to the whims of estate owners. Deer are one of our natural resources and our government has a duty to make absolutely sure that they are managed properly.
10. Community purchase of land (when in the common good, and agreed upon with a large majority of residents) should not require the consent of the current owner.