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Dear Roseanna,

**Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee request for update on Scottish Government progress on key issues**

At its meeting of 1 May the Committee considered its work programme and agreed to write to you seeking a progress update on key issues within the remit of the Committee. A list of those issues is included in the annexe to this letter and I will be writing separately on petition PE1490 on the control of wild goose numbers.

The Committee is holding a business planning meeting in mid-June and would therefore welcome a response to the issues raised **by 30 May**.

Yours sincerely,

Graeme Dey MSP  
Convener  
Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

## Progress update and next steps

### Environment

#### Biodiversity 2020

- Progress, areas of concern around targets, actions to address the concerns
- The remit of the RAFE Delivery Board (The most recent [update](#) from the Scottish Government was in June 2017)
- Progress in the 13 Ecosystem health indicators
- Progress in meeting the AICHI targets

#### Re-introduction of Beavers

- Progress in the development of the management approach
- The proposed legislative procedure - affirmative or negative instrument and likely laying date

#### Deer Management

- Progress in action to meet the recommendations in the ECCLR Committee report of March 2017, including progress of the working group

#### Goose Management

- Addressed in separate correspondence

#### Land Use Strategy

- Progress in implementation of the Land Use Strategy

#### Upland Management

- Scottish Government response to and action following the SNH report on upland management

#### Management of Grouse Moors

- Progress in addressing the issues in the management of grouse moors including those raised in the petition calling on a licensing system for gamebird hunting (PE1615)

#### Raptor Persecution

- View of the Scottish Government on the need to set up a national register of tagged birds

#### Hunting with Dogs

- Update on the work of the stakeholder group looking at a code of practice on hunting and a new hunt monitoring scheme
- Progress in the consultation on the recommendations of Lord Bonomy

#### Wildlife Crime

- Plans to implement Poustie recommendations on penalties

#### Animal Welfare

- Plans to address the need for further legislation following [10 May 2017 correspondence](#):

- Plans to introduce regulations to require the registration and licensing of animal sanctuaries, rescue centres and rehoming activities
- Plans to review the dealing and breeding of cats, dogs and rabbits (registration and licensing requirements)
- Electronic training collars – plans to consult the Committee ([24 January 2018](#) correspondence) and stakeholders

### **Marine Environment**

- Expected new MPAs – plans for further consultation and introduction
- Progress in implementation of the pilots of the regional marine planning areas, including Orkney
- Scottish Government involvement in the UK assessment of progress towards achieving “good environmental status”
- Timing and scope of the expected consultation on priority marine features including proposals

### **Wild fisheries/Salmon farming**

- Plans to address the concerns of the Committee highlighted in its recent report on the environmental impacts of salmon farming
- Scope and timing of legislation, plans for further consultation

### **Waste and the Circular Economy**

- Update on progress on the advisory group on fiscal levers to change behaviours on waste and the consultation process
- How the issues raised in the petition calling for single use cups to be biodegradable (PE1636) are being taken into account
- Issues to be addressed by the forthcoming legislation and likely introduction timeframe
- Plans to introduce secondary legislation banning the sale and manufacture of cotton buds
- Plans to introduce secondary legislation on microbeads ([anticipated](#) before summer recess to tie in with uniform roll out across the UK)

## **Climate Change**

### **Climate Change Plan**

- Plans to establish a monitoring and evaluation and reporting framework and integrate this with the Scottish Government Budget process
- Plans to update the Plan following the passage of the Climate Change Bill (CS described this as mandatory in evidence to the Committee)
- Update on planned work on next Climate Change Adaptation Plan

### **Adaptation Plan**

- Plans for review and update

### **Public Sector Leadership**

- Update on the work of Ingage on public sector climate leadership

### **Public Sector Duties**

- Views on the most recent results of the reports which were published in January and plans for further work

**Land Reform**

- Plans to introduce legislation to set up the Register of Controlling Interests in Land
- Progress in the valuation of shooting interests