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Dear Graeme,

Further to my letter of 31 January 2017, I am writing to inform you that I have appointed retired Deputy Chief Constable Ruaraidh Nicolson to lead a stakeholder group to develop a code of practice on hunting, and to look at the feasibility of a new hunt monitoring scheme. As previously outlined, each of these could be implemented on a non-statutory basis but statutory underpinning remains an option should it be deemed necessary. The inaugural meeting will take place next month.

Consultation on each of Lord Bonomy's recommendations for possible legislative reform will follow shortly.

Yours,

**ROSEANNA CUNNINGHAM**