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Dear Roseanna,

PE1615: State regulated licensing system for gamebird hunting in Scotland

Can I firstly thank you for your response to the Committee's most recent correspondence on the above petition where you provided information on your establishment of a group to examine grouse moor management. At its meeting on Tuesday 3 October the Committee considered any further steps it wished to make in relation to the petition.

I appreciate that you stated in [your letter of 31 May](#) that you would provide further details on this and other proposals relating to wildlife crime in due course. Nevertheless, the Committee agreed to write to you for an update on the progress of the establishment and operation of the review group and whether any timelines have been agreed for the completion of its work. The Committee is also interested to learn more details about the research project to identify the benefits and costs of large shooting estates to Scotland's economy and biodiversity referred to in your letter and whether any timescales have been set for this particular piece of work.

The Committee agreed to keep the petition open pending your response. I would therefore be grateful if you could reply to the Committee by **Friday 10 November 2017**.

Yours sincerely,

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