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Dear Lord Bonomy,

Invitation to appear at the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee – Tuesday 7 March 2017

Your recent *Report of the Review of the Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Act 2002* was a timely and significant piece of work in reflecting on the operation of what is an extremely important piece of legislation. The Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee (ECCLR) would therefore like to invite you to give evidence on your work at its meeting on Tuesday 7 March 2017.

As you may recall, in early 2016 the previous Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment (RACCE) Committee [responded to the Review](#). It specifically wished to highlight how the 2002 Act was interpreted as well as the effectiveness of vicarious liability as a tool to prevent wildlife crime. The RACCE Committee also suggested that following the Scottish Parliament elections in May 2016, a successor committee in Session 5 might wish to consider your subsequent report.

The ECCLR Committee, which has the protection of wild mammals as part of its remit, would therefore like to hear more about the findings of the Review and your proposals for change.

I should add that the Committee heard only yesterday from the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform that the Scottish Government intends to consult on many of your recommendations during the course of the current Parliamentary session. Ms Cunningham also confirmed that stakeholders will be invited to develop a new Code of Practice

for adoption by all mounted hunts as soon as possible as well as explore the potential for a new monitoring scheme. However, the Committee is nevertheless keen to hear from you directly on your work so that it might be fully informed of your work ahead of any scrutiny of the implementation of your recommendations.

I appreciate that you will have a very busy schedule, so if Thursday 7 March does not suit, I am very willing to be as flexible as possible in terms of finding a slot in your diary.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graeme Dey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Graeme Dey MSP
Convener
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