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1 February 2021

Our Reference: 202100146331

Dear [redacted - personal info]

Thank you for your email of 14 January 2021 requesting a meeting with Ben Macpherson, Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment, to discuss grouse moor reform. Mr Macpherson would be pleased to accept your invitation subject to Parliamentary Business.

I would be grateful if you could contact the Minister's Diary Secretary, [redacted - personal info] via email at MinisterRANE@gov.scot to arrange a mutually convenient date.

Yours sincerely

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From: [redacted - personal info] on behalf of Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment
Sent: 12 November 2020 16:20
To: Public Engagement Unit
Cc: Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment
Subject: FW: Socioeconomic impact of grouse moors. Briefing paper from Revive

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From: [\[redacted - personal info\]@revive.scot](mailto:[redacted - personal info]@revive.scot)
Sent: 12 November 2020 16:08
To: Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform <CabSecECCLR@gov.scot>; Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment <MinisterRANE@gov.scot>
Subject: Socioeconomic impact of grouse moors. Briefing paper from Revive

Dear Cabinet Secretary Roseanna Cunningham and Minister Mairi Gougeon,

I hope you are both well. Please find enclosed a short briefing document which includes economic analysis following the release of the Scottish Government commissioned report *The socioeconomic and biodiversity impacts of driven grouse moors and the employment rights of gamekeepers*.

According to recent polling shows that over 7 in 10 Scots are against grouse shooting in Scotland and that opposition is shared across both rural and urban Scotland. You can read analysis from reputed pollster Mark Diffley who conducted the poll here: <https://revive.scot/poll-shows-rural-and-urban-scots-united-in-opposition-to-grouse-shooting/>.

Moreover, I would encourage you to view Revive's new short film called 'Government's Den' which imagines a world in which grouse moors do not exist and asks the question of whether a government would let them start up today. The video which is linked below has so far been viewed over 100,000 times across various platforms:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tN5CeAl9tzA&t=9s>

We understand that the Scottish Government is due to make a statement on the Werritty report in the coming weeks and we look forward to discussing the issues with you in advance of the statement.

Many thanks and kind regards,

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Our ref: 202000111299
4 December 2020

Dear [redacted - personal info]

Thank you for your email of 16 November 2020 to Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, and Mairi Gougeon, Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment requesting a meeting to discuss the Scottish Government's proposed response to the Werritty recommendations.

As you are aware, Ms Gougeon gave a statement to Parliament on the 26 November setting out the Scottish Government's response to the recommendations in the Grouse Moor Management Group's (Werritty) report.

The Scottish Government will consult with relevant stakeholders over the coming months on the recommendations and Ms Gougeon will be happy to meet the key stakeholders.

Officials will be in touch to make arrangements in the coming months.

Your sincerely,

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From: [redacted - personal info] on behalf of Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment
Sent: 24 July 2020 07:32
To: Public Engagement Unit
Cc: Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment
Subject: FW: Scotland's mountain hares and the open season
Attachments: Scotland's Mountain Hares, Revive.pdf

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From: [\[redacted - personal info\]@league.org.uk](mailto:[redacted - personal info]@league.org.uk)>
Sent: 23 July 2020 17:33
To: Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment <MinisterRANE@gov.scot>
Subject: Scotland's mountain hares and the open season

Dear Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment,

Please find attached, a letter from the Revive coalition with regards to the protected status of mountain hares and the open season. I hope it finds you well.

Yours sincerely,

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Our Reference: 202000066109

Your Reference: Scotland's mountain hares and the open season

24 August 2020

Dear [redacted - personal info],

Thank you for your letter to Scottish Ministers regarding the section in the recently-passed Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) Act which gives further protection to mountain hares. As I work within the team responsible for this policy area, I have been asked to reply.

As the Minister for Rural Affairs and Natural Environment, Mairi Gougeon, explained in her speech to the Scottish Parliament during the Stage 3 debate on the Bill, the Scottish Government is giving careful thought to how the licensing arrangements for mountain hares will work and when the new protected species status will come into force.

We intend to discuss this with stakeholders and to consult on the licensing process. One of the most important points to now consider is how to ensure the regime is robust and balances the need to protect mountain hares while also allowing individuals to apply for licences to control mountain hare numbers where this is necessary and consistent with the licensable purposes set out in section 16 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act.

The Minister is aware of the concerns that have been raised by the RSPB and others that some land managers may seek to undertake substantial pre-emptive culling of mountain hares in the period before mountain hares are given protected species status.

The Scottish Government has always maintained that any large-scale culling that threatens the conservation status of mountain hares is not acceptable and that remains the case. The Minister has been clear that we expect all land managers to act responsibly and with restraint during the period

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following 1 August 2020. However the Scottish Government will be following the situation carefully for any indication of attempts to carry out excessive culls, and we will consider taking action to curtail this activity at any point if it is believed that it is necessary to do so.

Yours sincerely

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The coalition for grouse moor reform

Dear Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment,

I hope you and yours are well in these difficult times. Regarding the Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill, I would like to commend you, and the Scottish Government, for ensuring amendment 30 was passed overwhelmingly by the parliament.

While this means that mountain hares are to become a protected species, on behalf of the tens of thousands of people who wrote letters to MSPs and signed petitions of support, I am writing to express extreme concern and request urgent clarification.

As you are aware the 'open season' is still due to begin on August 1st with the shooting industry [planning to exploit any delay](#) in order to shoot our native mountain hare. There is a real risk that the unregulated mass slaughter, the likes of which have been happening for years now, necessitating the need for protected status in the first place, will happen this August. Revive is very concerned that these mass culls will in fact be accelerated beyond their usual pace if action is not taken in time.

We would be very grateful if you could clarify the Scottish Government's position on this as soon as possible and take this opportunity to reassure the Scottish public that either: the bill will receive Royal Assent before the open season begins or whether the closed season will be extended until a licence system has been adopted, following consultation with stakeholders.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [redacted - personal info] on behalf of Coronavirus Public Enquiries
Sent: 03 June 2020 10:43
To: Public Engagement Unit
Subject: FW: Your recent correspondence with Scottish Government and partner agencies - 202000019292

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From: [redacted - personal info]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform
Sent: 02 June 2020 15:47
To: Coronavirus Public Enquiries <CPE@gov.scot>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform <CabSecECCLR@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Your recent correspondence with Scottish Government and partner agencies - 202000019292

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From: [\[redacted - personal info\]@revive.scot](#)
Sent: 02 June 2020 15:44
To: [\[Redacted - personal info\]@gov.scot](#)>
Subject: RE: Your recent correspondence with Scottish Government and partner agencies - 202000019292

Dear [Redacted - personal info],

I would like to thank you and the Cabinet Secretary for this response. Due to the uncertainty caused by the current crisis, we have had to postpone this conference until August 7th 2021. We have booked the Perth Concert Hall once again for this date and while this will be within the new parliamentary term, I would be very pleased to extend the same invitation for the Cabinet Secretary to address the conference in a keynote speech. I look forward to hearing if this is possible in the circumstances.

Many thanks and kind regards,

[Redacted - personal info] Revive

From: casehandling.service@gov.scot <casehandling.service@gov.scot>
Sent: 09 April 2020 09:58
To: [\[redacted - personal info\]@revive.scot](mailto:[redacted - personal info]@revive.scot)
Subject: Your recent correspondence with Scottish Government and partner agencies - 202000019292

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Our Reference: 202000045171

29 June 2020

Dear [Redacted - personal info],

Thank you for your email of 3 March 2020 to Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, to provide the keynote speech at the national Revive coalition conference in Perth Concert Hall on Friday 7 August 2020.

The Cabinet Secretary would be keen to provide the keynote speech at the conference, but given the current uncertainty, we will make a note of the date, but will have to confirm nearer the time when the picture is clearer.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [Redacted - personal info] on behalf of Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform
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To: Public Engagement Unit
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From: [Redacted - personal info]@revive.scot>
Sent: 09 April 2020 15:49
To: Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform <CabSecECCLR@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Your recent correspondence with Scottish Government and partner agencies - 202000019292

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

I have received a response from your Private Secretary [Redacted - personal info] and I very much appreciate the fact that you are keen to attend our August 1st conference in Perth as the Keynote speaker. I am writing to let you know that in the event that the event has to be cancelled due to the Covid 19 situation, we are also looking at venues for the dates November 21st and December 5th.

I look forward to hearing from you if the August 1st conference is able to happen but if you are also available on either November 21st or December 5th, as we are very keen to host you as a keynote speaker, we will try to arrange a venue on your preferred date if either of them are possible.

Many thanks and kind regards,

[Redacted - personal info]Revive

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Our Reference: 202000028593

20 May 2020

Dear [Redacted - personal info],

Thank you for your email of 9 April 2020 to Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, providing an update on potential alternative dates for the keynote speech at the national Revive coalition conference in Perth Concert Hall. The Cabinet Secretary would be keen to provide the keynote speech at the conference, and is currently available on the 21st November, but would not be able to attend on the 5th December. However, given the current uncertainty, we will make a note of the date and have to confirm attendance nearer the time when the picture is clearer.

Yours sincerely

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