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## Local Government and Regeneration Committee

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Dear Dr Elliot,

I am writing to you, on behalf of the Local Government and Regeneration Committee, to seek an update on the work currently being undertaken by the Land Reform Review Group (LRRG).

On 6 March 2013, the Scottish Parliament's Public Petitions Committee referred petition PE01433 by John Hancox, on productive land for landless Scots to grow their own food, to the Local Government and Regeneration Committee. The petition

*"Calls on the Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to encourage public agencies such as Forestry Commission Scotland, Crown Estates, health boards, public trusts and landowners, public and private, rural and urban, to make land available for people to plant grow and harvest their own food."*

Further background information on the petition is available at  
<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/51598.aspx>.


At its 8<sup>th</sup> meeting on Wednesday 13 March 2013, the Local Government and Regeneration Committee considered its approach to the petition and agreed to bring the petition to the attention of the LRRG, seeking a written update on your related work. The Committee also agreed to include the petitioner as a potential witness for evidence taking, when the Committee undertakes its consideration of the Scottish Government's forthcoming Community Empowerment and Renewal (Scotland) Bill.

Please see column 1873 onwards of the [Local Government and Regeneration Committee Official Report for 13 March 2013](#) for a transcript of the Committee's discussion.

I am therefore writing to you on behalf of the Committee, to ask for an update on the work of the LRRG to date, and specifically how this work will consider or address the issues raised by the petition.

I would be grateful if you could provide us with an initial response on behalf of the LRRG, in writing, by close of business on Friday 19 July 2013. This response can be emailed to [lgr.committee@scottish.parliament.uk](mailto:lgr.committee@scottish.parliament.uk)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin', followed by a large, stylized flourish that extends to the right.

Kevin Stewart MSP  
Convener  
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