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*Dear Rob*

**Review on Legislation on Snaring - Snaring Petition PE1124**

Thank you for your letter of 13 September 2012 to Richard Lochhead, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment. I am replying as snaring falls under my portfolio responsibility.

I understand that two Orders, which will bring forward the remaining snaring provisions in the Wildlife and Natural Environment Act 2012, have now been laid and are expected to come into force on 22 November 2012.

Once these Orders have come into force, my officials will be able to turn to the design of the review of the operation of all the legislation applicable to snaring which is due to be carried out in 2016. I intend to write to the Committee and inform them of any progress of the review scheduled for 2016.

*Kind regards*

*Paul Wheelhouse*

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