

Correspondence from Patrick Krause on PE01490

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Dear members of RACCE

Petition PE01490 on the control of wild goose numbers by Patrick Krause on behalf of the Scottish Crofting Federation

“Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to address the problems created by increasing populations of wild geese in the crofting areas as a matter of priority; reassess its decision to stop funding existing goose management programmes, and assign additional resources to Crop Protection and Adaptive Management programmes to ensure this threat to the future of crofting is averted.”

Referring to the minister's letter of 02 December 2015 to the Convenor of RACCE in which she provides detail of the amount of money spent on wild goose management, it is clear that the crofting areas do not rate highly and that the petition we lodged is still valid. The amount spent on the adaptive management pilot schemes in the crofting areas is only 7.6% of the amount spent on goose management in the farming areas. The budget also shows continued and increased funding in the farming areas and no spend is shown for any management in the crofting areas after March 2017. We therefore ask the RACCE to please take this petition forward into the next session of the Scottish Parliament.

As an example I have attached a short summary of the goose problem in the Uists – which is where the original call for a petition came from.

Thank you all for your patience with this petition and for all the help you have provided.

All good wishes for the forthcoming elections and in your new life - those who are not standing.