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Dear Mr David

MANUFACTURE, SALE, POSSESSION AND USE OF SNARES – PETITION PE1124

I refer to your correspondence dated 5 March 2008, in connection with the above subject, which has been considered by the Crime Business Area, and can now offer the following by way of comment.

As the petition recognises, the issue of snaring was subject of a recent consultation by the Scottish Parliament and on 20 February 2008 an announcement was made by the Minister for Environment. The decision at that time was that snaring should continue subject to further defined control measures. Of these control measures, there are none that cannot be policed by Scottish forces, particularly with the expertise of Wildlife Crime Officers.

In view of the Scottish Government's recently made decision which was based on public consultation, members suggest it is inappropriate to comment further on this issue.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Harry Bunch', written in a cursive style.

Harry Bunch
General Secretary

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