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Dear Alison,

**Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee - EU
Environmental and animal welfare principles inquiry**

At its meeting on 1 May 2018, the Committee took evidence on its EU environmental and animal welfare principles inquiry. As the Society was not in a position to provide a witness for the evidence session the Committee agreed to seek further clarification from you on the following points.

The position of the Society differs from that in other evidence to the Committee with regard to putting environmental principles on a statutory footing in Scots law. The Society suggested the principles could be included in a Scottish Government policy statement. The Committee would welcome further views from you on this difference in opinion and on alternative options to incorporating the principles into Scots law.

The Committee would also welcome the view of the Society on the way in which EU environmental and animal welfare principles have been incorporated into the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill.

As you are aware the Committee is taking evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform and from the Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe on 8 May. The Committee would appreciate a response to this correspondence by **3 May 2018** to enable members to consider it before that evidence session.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Graeme Dey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Graeme Dey MSP
Convener
Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee.