1. What is your experience of livestock worrying? What is the scale of the issue?

I have lived in the countryside for over 60 years. Initially around farms. I support clear rules which require dog owners to keep their dogs under control at all times.

2. Does legislation need strengthening in this area? If so – does the Bill do this? Is the Bill the best way to do this?

I do not believe the Bill needs strengthening. I propose better clear communication.

3. What are your views on the increased penalties the Bill creates for livestock worrying?

The current penalties are adequate – they just need better enforcement.

4. Would the proposals to disqualify convicted persons from owning or keeping a dog or taking a dog onto certain types of land, assist in the aim of reducing the number of livestock worrying instances?

5. What is your opinion on extending the types of livestock and type of agricultural land covered by livestock worrying, as described by the Bill?

I agree with this.

6. What are your views on the powers allowing Scottish Ministers to appoint inspectors, other than police, to investigate and enforce livestock worrying offences?

I believe the police are well able to address these matters without inspectors.

7. Do you have any comments on the expanded powers for police and inspectors to seize dogs, to enter premises and to take a dog to the vet?

I am very against the power to enter premises to seize a dog, with or without a warrant.

8. Does the Bill adequately balance the rights of dog owners and the rights of livestock farmers?

No, it infringes on the rights of dog owners.