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PE1124/U



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Dear Frank,

**PE1124: SNARING**

Further to the Public Petitions Committee meeting yesterday, Tuesday 11 January 2010, regarding the snaring petition PE1124, I would like to clarify a point that I made during the meeting.

During the discussion, I stated that the Scottish Government had decided to withdraw the specific offence of tampering with a snare from the Wildlife and Natural Environment Bill as it was already covered under existing legislation. The correct position is that while we are considering not proceeding with the offence as described, we have not yet formally decided to drop the tampering offence from the Bill. This final decision on this will be a matter for Cabinet.

I hope this clarifies the position, and apologise for any confusion caused.

Yours

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