



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

A Response to the Driven Grouse Shooting Campaign

Thank you for contacting me about driven grouse shooting in Scotland.

It is important we have a vibrant, working countryside enhanced by a diverse environment. I believe that driven grouse shooting contributes to that goal, so I do not support a ban.

It is essential that our wildlife is properly protected and anyone involved in game management must respect the country's conservation laws. That being said, shooting as a whole is worth about £23 million a year to the Scottish economy and supports around 2,500 full-time equivalent jobs.

Grouse moors are managed to create suitable habitat for grouse to increase the numbers available for shooting. This is typically done by the burning of moorland in patches, on a yearly rotation. The use of controlled fires to create a range of vegetation cover can help to conserve heather moor habitats and their associated species.

I am aware that the Grouse Moor Management Group, established in November 2017, has been tasked with examining the environmental impact of grouse moor management practices in Scotland. They will publish a review of their findings shortly, which my MSP colleagues will assess carefully.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alister Jack".

The Rt. Hon. Alister Jack MP
Dumfries and Galloway constituency.