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Thank you for the heads up [REDACTED]

Unfortunately Humane cable restraints and code complaint snares are identical in every way. The technical diagram of a HCR they sent us is actually the same one to be found in the snare code of a compliant snare. It's a shame the MfCC didn't remember that as I have briefed her on it.

I cannot see a way that the PfG commitment will not go forward in the Agri Bill. The FM was adamant that it should remain in when the Bill was cut and its unlikely they will renege on it. We have considered licensing and looked at how it worked in Scotland and no improvements in animal welfare were seen. It is our opinion that shooting at night with thermal scope is most humane and efficient method of fox control.

Since we were made aware that GWCT were attempting to re-brand snares, we have strengthened the wording in the Bill to ban 'snares and cable restraints'.

Thank you again, I just hope the MfCC didn't give them false hope.

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Hi [REDACTED]

Went on visit with MCC yesterday at Ysbyty Ifan to see work being done on Curlew restoration. One issue that came up was predation and the banning of snares.

Matt Goodall (GWCT) in particular was making case for non lethal methods including humane restraints citing research undertaken and even had in pocket to demonstrate with stopper and release function. Was pushing that these should be allowed or not going to achieve objectives for species recovery as needs to be one of the tools in the box to achieve effective control under appropriate licencing regime and with training. Was pointed out that allowed in Scotland and that discussions with WG stalled at official level. MCC wasn't aware of issue and said she would be happy to have a further discussion on issue but time is of essence.

So heads up that Matt will be writing to MCC to discuss further and so will be coming your way.....

Thanks

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