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I write to offer some views in connection with this Review.

We own a small farm near Earlston and need to conduct fox control to protect lambs and poultry. We find that the current system of using a pack of foxhounds to flush foxes from cover to people with shotguns works very well given the difficulties of using rifles close to habitations and roads and my personal concerns about the welfare issues with snares. Any move to limit the number of hounds used would reduce the efficiency of the control method and prolong hunting before a fox is flushed from cover.

I believe that the current system works well and is supported by many of us that live and work in the countryside. It appears to me that a review of the Scottish hunting arrangements have only come about as a result of proposals to amend hunting legislation in England and Wales rather than as a result of any flaws in our own legislation. As such we should leave things as they stand.

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