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- Hunting, like many other rural activities and sports, contributes to the local economies. My business is one that benefits throughout the year and indeed the quitter slower months of the year.
- Using a pack of dogs for flushing is a vital form of fox control, especially in areas where alternatives are impractical. Restricting the number of dogs would make it impossible to flush foxes from cover in many areas as has been proven by the Countryside Alliance when they ran tests here in the Scottish Borders in the past few years.
- The 2002 Act banned what the opponents of hunting objected to i.e. the chasing and killing of foxes with dogs. At the time the 2002 Act was passed, the SSPCA and animal rights groups such as The League recognised that flushing was an important form of fox control. This has not changed in the time since the Act was passed.
- The activities of hunts in Scotland are open, public and accountable and there is close co-operation with Police Scotland.
- Since the 2002 ban, more foxes have been killed. This has been done by gamekeepers and farmers in order to protect their livestock and game birds from predators such as foxes and hunting with hounds represents valuable way of working with farms and estates in order to help this essential control.
- I personally think that given the LACS has given donations to the SNP Government this is the reason we are now seeing a review of the Act.

Kind Regards



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