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Natural Resources Division,  
The Scottish Government.

Dear Sirs,

2002 Act Review

with apologies for a late response.

The Act seems to be working well overall here with regard to foxes.

But attempting to flush foxes out of their cover with only 2 dogs would be a waste of time & quite ineffective. The foxes would easily dodge the dogs & remain in the cover, out of sight of the guns.

But we have far too many badgers, with noticeable reductions in their prey species - ground nesting birds (particularly oystercatchers, peewits & curlews), hedgehogs & Bumble Bees.

Some controls of the badger population would relieve the pressure on the prey species.

Yours faithfully,

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