



# Environmental Information Regulations

Request regarding Stanbury *et al.* (2017) paper

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## Request

In a recent letter to Dr Alasdair Allan MSP, addressing an aspect of island rodent control policy, Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, cites a paper, 'Stanbury et al. (2017)', which I presume refers to:

Stanbury, A., Thomas, S., Aegerter, J., Brown, A., Bullock, D., Eaton, M., Lock, L., Luxmore, R., Roy, S., Whitaker, S. & Oppel, S. (2017) Prioritising islands in the United Kingdom and crown dependencies for the eradication of invasive alien vertebrates and rodent biosecurity. *European Journal of Wildlife Research*.

It would seem that this review paper is, in part, influencing Scottish government policy.

What aspects and details of the Stanbury et al. (2017) review paper does JNCC find too contentious, and unsuitable, for determining future government policy?

## Reply

**Subject: Stanbury et al. (2017) – article in *European Journal of Wildlife Research***

Thank you for your request letter, dated 28 December 2018, received Monday 7 January 2019, regarding the article mentioned above, which we have dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

You asked: “*what aspects and details of the Stanbury et al. (2017) review paper does JNCC find too contentious, and unsuitable, for determining future government policy?*”

This request is for JNCC’s opinion on the content of the article and on a matter of Government policy, neither of which the Regulations require us to provide, as the request does not specifically relate to recorded information. Under our remit, JNCC would only provide an opinion if requested to do so by a relevant authority, for example (in this instance) the Scottish Government.

We would also note that JNCC does not hold any information on the drafting of the article itself, as we were not involved in either the writing or subsequent reviewing of the article, our only link being two of the documents cited in the references.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter. If you require any further detail, please do not hesitate to contact us.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint please contact Kirsty Meadows ([kirsty.meadows@jncc.gov.uk](mailto:kirsty.meadows@jncc.gov.uk)).

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