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# **RE: Grouse Shooting and the Environment - Company Questionnaire**

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Hi [REDACTED], Please find the responses from SSE below. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Many thanks, [REDACTED]

**1. What is your company name and a contact email address for the person completing this questionnaire?**

SSE plc, [Media@sse.com](mailto:Media@sse.com) (FAO: [REDACTED])

**2. Has your company made a public commitment to protecting the natural environment and mitigating its direct environmental impact?**

SSE has an environment and climate change policy which has been published and can be found here: <http://sse.com/media/468018/SSE-Environment-and-Climate-Change-Policy-080517.pdf> The policy states: SSE is an energy and utility operator. SSE aims to protect the environment, prevent pollution and minimise adverse environmental impacts. Furthermore, where possible, SSE will seek to bring about positive environmental outcomes as a responsible developer, operator and supplier. Environmental risk is managed by the Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) Management System. SSE has also laid out how we take responsibility for protecting and restoring biodiversity in our Biodiversity Report here: [http://sse.com/media/436402/Biodiversity-Report-2016\\_FINAL\\_Web.pdf](http://sse.com/media/436402/Biodiversity-Report-2016_FINAL_Web.pdf)

**3. Are you aware that driven grouse shooting has negative environmental impacts, including degradation of deep peat, reducing biodiversity, emitting high CO2 emissions, illegal wildlife persecution, worsening water quality and increasing downstream flood risks?**

SSE has many business interests in the north of Scotland, with hydro electricity, wind farms and electricity network infrastructure throughout the north of Scotland where the assets are located on, or close to grouse shooting moors. SSE works with a number of different stakeholders to

deliver its own habitat management plans and to ensure its compliance with its natural heritage obligations. SSE's obligations are to ensure no detrimental impact on the environment as a result of its core operations. It does not, however, have expertise on the environmental impacts of driven grouse shooting.

**4.Has your company ever bought 'Corporate Days' to shoot on driven grouse moors?**

No. SSE has no record of participating in or purchasing any corporate events on driven grouse moors.

**5.Are you prepared to make a public commitment that your company will not pay for driven grouse shooting 'Corporate Days' in the future until key detrimental impacts have been addressed?**

SSE has not hosted, nor has any plans to host , driven grouse shooting corporate events in the future.