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**Question 1**

Yes. But as it stands this proposal does not extend the major benefits which a crofter has under the 1993 Act, as amended. These benefits are restricted to the existing crofting counties.  
This proposal may be more about housing than crofting.

**Question 2**

Why not go back to 1911 and extend 'crofting' to all qualifying small landholders in Scotland. There would be one form of tenure instead of non-crofters, nearly crofters and real crofters with an unnecessary and expensive triplication in bureaucracy.

**Question 3**

See Q2

**Question 4**

If there is merit in the Crofting Community Right to Buy then why does this merit not extend to all areas?

**Question 5**

A plain reading of the 1993 Act, as amended, defines a crofter as the tenant of a croft. If the intention is to really create new crofts then the tenants should have all the rights of crofters.  
These proposals create ersatz crofters in ersatz crofts.

There are successful crofters within the crofting counties with no access to common grazings.  
There are no successful crofters or other qualifying occupiers within the crofting counties who do not have access to financial support under the 1993 Act.  
It is fundamental to crofting that there is assignation within the family.

**Question 6**

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1 (a)

2a Yes

2b Yes Response, name, address available

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