

New 'real burdens' of residency and a need to work the land will be placed on all houses and crofts.

The economic appraisal undertaken for the Shucksmith Inquiry made it clear this would probably result in the value or potential value of crofts being reduced.

Further, there may be a knock on effect to local housing not within crofting, where values might rise if demand shifts from crofts to non-croft housing. Real burdens could be lifted by local boards for some, depending on individual circumstances.

**3. Do you believe it is right to impose such real burdens on all crofts and houses on crofting land?**

**Yes  
24**

**No  
109**

**Any other comments:-**

Highlands and Islands Enterprise will be given the functions and budget currently held by the Crofters Commission for the development of crofting. It is envisaged Highlands and Islands Enterprise support new Grazings Committees (Crofting Township Development Committees) in developments locally.

**4. Do you believe Highlands and Islands Enterprise should be given the current Crofters Commission development functions and budget, or do you believe these should be devolved to the local boards? (Tick preferred option )**

Highlands and Islands Enterprise **11**                      Local Boards **4**

Federation of Boards **9**                      Crofters Commission **99**

Other options?

Mark Shucksmith has stressed the recommendations are a complete package and are interdependent. Some people, after reading the report, believe there are some good recommendations and other recommendations that they do not favour so much.

**5. Which statement best meets your views. (Tick preferred option)**

All the Shucksmith recommendations should be implemented? **4**

The government, after consultation with crofters, should implement the recommendations where there is a consensus among crofters. **61**

The recommendations should be rejected in full? **51**

The recommendations should be rejected partially? **1**

The recommendations should be accepted partially? **7**

**Any other comments:-**

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