

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

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Jackie Baillie (Dumbarton) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government what legislation currently applies to flygrazing in Scotland.

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Mairi Gougeon: Flygrazing is primarily a civil matter between the landowner and the keeper or owner of the horse which has been placed on that land to graze.

The Horse Identification (Scotland) Regulations 2009 assist enforcement authorities in identifying the owner or keeper of a horse from any microchip implanted within the animal. The Equine Identification (Scotland) Regulations 2019 will come into force on 28 March 2019 with the view to improving compliance with identification.