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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 26 June informing me that a petition calling upon the National Assembly to urge the Welsh Government to ban the practise of slaughtering animals without pre-stunning them has collected 400 signatures. I am aware that Jane Hutt AM has also received your letter.

My officials are preparing consultation documents that will be seeking views on proposed legislation to implement EC Regulation 1099/2009 – Protection of Animals at Time of Killing which will be directly applicable in all Member States from 1 January 2013.

We are a tolerant society and respect religious freedom but must reconcile this with animal welfare. We will be consulting shortly and I will not be making a decision about non-stun slaughter in Wales until the consultation has closed and all responses have been reviewed.

Best wishes,

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