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P-04-399 - Petition to ban the practice of slaughtering animals without pre-stunning

P-04-433 -Petition calling for the compulsory installation of CCTV in Welsh slaughterhouses

Thank you for your letter dated 22 May concerning petition number's P-04-399 and P-04-433.

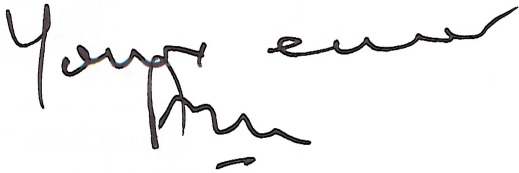
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My officials are reviewing the legislative powers available to Welsh Government to develop policy proposals. Non stun method of slaughter is exercised to meet religious observance. Animal Welfare is one aspect of this complex and sensitive area of policy.

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I am aware of the monitoring procedures in place for animal welfare at slaughterhouses in Wales and believe that they are appropriate, providing that officials responsible for and staff working at slaughterhouses are competent and qualified to a high standard. I have asked that the Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales, Dr Christianne Glossop approach the Farm Animal Welfare Committee to produce advice about the methods, and effectiveness, of unobserved monitoring currently used in all slaughterhouses and consider the effective methods of unobserved monitoring that include CCTV.

Both items will be taken forward by the Welsh Government alongside other Animal Health and Welfare objectives.



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