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**Petition: Enforcement of Animal Welfare Standards in the Puppy Farming
Industry in South Wales West**

The Petitions Committee considered the following petition, which has collected 2169 signatures, at its meeting of 10 January:

We call on the Welsh Assembly to urge the Welsh Government to stage an independent inquiry into the enforcement of animal welfare standards in the puppy farming industry in South West Wales.

This intervention and independent investigation is as a result of the widespread abhorrence at the ease with which the licenses are issued and subsequent lack of enforcement. This abhorrence is creating an extremely negative image of Wales throughout Wales, the United Kingdom and internationally. It is our contention that the setting up of an independent inquiry is the only way forward and will go some way in restoring the reputation of Wales throughout the UK and Internationally. Hopefully it will

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also curtail the activities of unlicensed puppy farmers & their reprehensible practices.

The Committee agreed to write to ask whether the Environment and Sustainability Committee would consider including consideration of this petition and the issues raised in it in the Committee's forward work plan.

Thank you for your consideration of this petition. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,



William Powell AM
Chair, Petitions Committee