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Mr Peredur Hughes

Dear Peredur,

6 February 2017

I greatly value the work of the Animal Health and Welfare Framework Group (AHWFG) including the opportunity to seek your advice on specific and important issues.

The subject of the use of CCTV in slaughterhouses has been much discussed during the past 2 years by many industry representatives, animal welfare interested groups and individuals. This is why my predecessor, Rebecca Evans AM, tasked the Safeguarding Animal Welfare at Slaughter Task and Finish Group to prepare a report of recommendations as to how to progress this issue. The report was published on 15 December and is available at:

<http://gov.wales/topics/environmentcountryside/ahw/animalwelfare/livestockwelfare/welfare-of-animals-at-time-of-killing/?lang=en>

<http://gov.wales/topics/environmentcountryside/ahw/animalwelfare/livestockwelfare/welfare-of-animals-at-time-of-killing/?lang=cy>

I am aware that the Chair of the group, [redacted] also the [redacted] of the British Meat Processors Association, will meet with AHWFG in March to discuss the report and seek your views.

The Task and Finish group was comprised of slaughter industry representatives specifically to encourage the industry to take more ownership of the issue and engage in scoping a way forward. I would now like AHWFG to consider the group's report, along with other evidence that officials in Food Division and Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer have gathered in the past two years which represents many view points including Farm Animal Welfare Committee, Food Standards Agency, British Veterinary Association and Animal Aid. Following your assessment of the issue in the context of this evidence, I would welcome the AHWFG's considered opinion and recommendations. Welsh Government officials will provide you with all the information at their disposal.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Please could you forward your recommendations before the summer recess and earlier, if at all possible.

Regards  
Lesley Griffiths

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