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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of the 19 November about the petition P-04-653 about a ban on the use of wild animals in circuses and enclosing a copy of the RSPCA's position paper.

You will be aware that I have asked Professor Stephen Harris, 2nd Lord Dulverton Memorial Professor of Environmental Sciences at Bristol University, to undertake an independent review on the evidence of animal welfare of wild and/or non-domesticated animals in travelling and non-travelling circuses. In addition I have asked him to consider the environmental enrichment of such animals and their behaviours.

The Review is due to be completed by the end of February 2016. I will consider the findings and possible next steps in due course.

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