

Lesley Griffiths AM
Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs

10 May 2017

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

Proposals for badger removal in Wales

Thank you for your letter of 23 March 2017, in which you set out your proposals for badger removal in Wales. As you are aware, the Committee will be publishing a report on its inquiry into Tackling Bovine Tuberculosis in Wales. We would be grateful if you could provide us with further details with regards to the plans you set out in your letter.

In your letter, you stated that ‘The trap, test and removal operations being planned will be restricted to TB affected premises where veterinary epidemiological investigation indicates that infection of badgers on breakdown premises is the likely reason for a failure to eliminate infection from an associated cattle herd.’

Please can you provide us with answers to the following questions:

- When will this policy be implemented?
- Which organisation will be evaluating and monitoring the activity?
- Who will be responsible for the culling – farmers or vets?
- What kind of culling has been approved or is recommended? and
- How will this policy operate on a farm level?



We are not intending to include this information in the report but we have received queries on these issues and would be grateful for your response by 24 May 2017 in order to respond to such queries.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marc Wyn Jones', written in a cursive style.

Marc Wyn Jones

Clerk

On behalf of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

