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William Powell AM
Chair of the Petitions Committee
National Assembly for Wales.

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Dear William,

I am writing to update you on the proposed review on the policy intent behind the Animal welfare (Electronic Collars) (Wales) Regulations 2010.

Such a review is part of good practice to ensure the policy intent is still valid and that the legislation is still fit for purpose and based on the latest available evidence. These Regulations were made in 2010 and because there has been research published since the making of those Regulations it is timely to begin this review work.

I stated in Plenary on the 18th June in response to a question raised by Simon Thomas AM that I had met with the Chair of the Animal Health and Welfare Framework Group and discussed this specific issue with him. The Framework Group have now considered the policy and agreed that further work should be undertaken through a literature review by an appropriate University Department or independent researcher. My officials are currently arranging this.

Official have also met with two interested parties who have made their concerns known about these Regulations. Also you will be aware that a collective view of support for these Regulations was also made earlier this year via an alliance of the RSPCA, Blue Cross, Kennel Club, Battersea Dogs and Cats Home.

I will write further when progress has been made on this subject.

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