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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 15 September to Carl Sargeant AM about Petition P-04-653 'Ban The Use of Wild Animals in Circuses in Wales'. It has been passed to me as this issue falls within my portfolio.

We share the concerns expressed by many of the public about the use of wild animals in circuses. We are therefore commissioning an independent review of the current evidence available to establish whether the use of wild animals in circuses compromises the health or welfare of those animals.

In the meantime, my officials are in urgent discussion with the Welsh Local Government Association, the Animal and Plant Health Agency, Police and Local Authorities to map out a cohesive, Wales-wide approach to monitoring public safety and animal health and welfare standards in travelling circuses

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