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Dear stakeholders,

### **Use of cages for pheasants and partridges by the shooting industry in Wales**

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposal we received for an inquiry into the "use of cages for pheasants and partridges by the shooting industry in Wales" by the Animal Aid and League Against Cruel Sports. I have forwarded your letter to Members for their information.

As I mentioned in my response to the suggestion, the Committee has a full work programme scheduled until the end of the year. Members will decide on a work programme for the spring term towards the beginning of the autumn term. As part of this, we will consider the proposed inquiry. For clarity, no decision has yet been made on the work programme or if this inquiry will be taken forward.



However, please be reassured that, as with any inquiry, if Members decided to take this work forward the Committee will look at the issue in the round. We will take evidence and hear from all sides of the issue, using this wide evidence base to form any recommendations. Please also take my reassurance that, if the Committee does decide to hold an inquiry into the use of cadges/raised laying units or the wider game sector, we will invite evidence from your organisations.

Thank you for your interest in the Committee's work.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Davies'.

Paul Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

