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Dear Ms Peat,

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION PE1400

I am writing to you to update you on where we are with regards to plans on wild animals in circuses.

Dave Thomson wrote to you on the 12th December in response to your letter of 5th December proposing that we postpone providing you with an outline of what action we intend to take and the timescale until we have clarified the full impact of certain outstanding legal issues. At that time we anticipated that we would be in a position to respond by the end of February.

Unfortunately we are still awaiting clarification. I can only apologise for the delay; we will update you as soon as we have anything concrete to convey, and I hope to be in a position to do so before the summer recess.

Yours sincerely

Dr Beverley Williams
Animal Welfare Team Leader