

**PE1400/R**

Petitioner Email of 22 January 2014

Dear Chris

Further to our correspondence regarding PE1400, I am pleased to let you know that the Scottish Government consultation on the use of wild animals in travelling circuses has just been published. The Petition is mentioned in the consultation document.

OneKind welcomes the consultation and considers that it summarises the issues well. We note that there is no specific proposal for legislation. The Scottish Government does not think that a regulatory mechanism such as licensing is an appropriate long term solution but is looking at the possibility of primary legislation. The consultation foresees legislation as a possibility to identify and resolve ethical rather than animal welfare concerns.

The Scottish Government says that it has not resolved certain legal issues that concern it, but is consulting now anyway – “to inform further consideration”.

OneKind will be responding in full to the consultation and we feel that legislation is the only effective route to resolve this particular issue.

With best wishes,

Libby Anderson