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Dear Sir George,

Thank you for your email of 31 January on behalf of your constituents, about the Ivory Act.

The consultation on the implementation of the Ivory Act 2018 was published on 9 March 2021 and closed on 4 May 2021. We published a summary of responses confirming our plans for implementation on 14 September 2021. We plan for the ban to come into force in spring this year.

The Act will not affect the ownership of ivory items and as such we have no plans for a Government surrender scheme at this time. We recognise that, for some low value items, owners may decide it is not cost-effective to register them for sale. This will be a decision for individual owners. Such items may of course be gifted, donated, or bequeathed rather than discarded. We will explain to owners what options are available to them as part of our awareness raising campaign.

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