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Dear George,

Thank you for your email of 13 January to the Secretary of State on behalf of your constituents about the import and sale of fur in the UK. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

The UK has some of the highest animal welfare standards in the world and fur farming has been banned here for over 20 years.

The Government has committed to exploring potential action in relation to animal fur, as set out in the <u>Action Plan for Animal Welfare 2021</u>. We have since conducted a <u>call for evidence</u> on the fur sector, alongside other forms of engagement with interested parties.

We are continuing to build our evidence base on the fur sector, which will be used to inform any future action on the fur trade.

Yours sincerely,

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