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The Rt Hon George Eustace MP
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Dear George,

Thank you for your letter of the 27 May seeking agreement to a joint Call for Evidence on domestic fur sector activity.

I have noted the call for evidence asks for information which might help us to better understand fur sector activity including the trade in fur and its impacts, both in Great Britain and overseas. It will not set out policy proposals or commit us to any particular policy approach but it should help us broaden our understanding of the possible impacts of any future measures.

I also note that you wish to launch this Call for Evidence quickly, given the current legislative timetable for the Animals Abroad Bill. I am therefore content to agree to the joint Call for Evidence to be issued on 31 May.

You have included a copy of the draft Call for Evidence with your letter to me and Defra officials have shared a communications handling plan with Welsh Government officials in the Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer (OCVO). Please could Defra officials continue to keep OCVO officials fully sighted on developments, including responses to the Call for Evidence and any policy proposals following analysis of those responses.

I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Wales and Mairi Gougeon MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands in Scotland.

Yours sincerely,

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