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9. Permissions - I am responding as

Individual

10. Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site)?

Yes

12. Please tick ONE of the following boxes

Yes, make my response and name available but not my address

14. We will share your responses internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for the Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

No

15. It would be helpful for our analysis if you could indicate which of the sectors you most align yourself/your organisation with the purpose of this consultation (please tick one)

Member of the general public

17. Consultation Question 1: Do you believe that the exhibitions and performances required of wild animals in travelling circuses compromise respect for the animals concerned? Why?

Yes

18. Comments

First and foremost wild animals are supposed to roam freely in the wild and they are not pet animals to be domesticated in circuses. Those animals live in poor conditions, have no access to vets for health check ups, go through inhumane training since early age, are badly treated by the animal handlers, are forced to perform even when they are ill, are kept in inadequate enclosures and the list goes on..... In some circuses they are left starving to death due to old age.

19. Consultation Question 2: Do you believe that the exhibitions and performances required of wild animals in travelling circuses have an adverse impact on the development of respectful and responsible attitudes towards animals in children and young people? Why

Yes

20. Comments

Children are misled to think wild animals are happy to perform and happy to be among people when in reality the animals would rather be free in the wild with other animals.

21. Consultation Question 3: Do you consider that concerns relating to respect for animals could be resolved without banning the use of wild animals in travelling circuses. If so how?

No

22. Comments

Wild animals are meant to be in the wild.

23. Consultation Question 4: Do you believe that the ability of none, some, or all wild animals to undertake natural behaviours are compromised within the travelling circus environment? Which species? Which needs? Why?

All

24. Comments

In a travelling circus environment the animals are constantly in cages. They do not have the freedom to roam freely. They are prisoners and are obliged to do whatever their handler tells them to do. In nature it would not be like that. They would choose when to sit and when to lie down.

25. Consultation Question 5: Do you consider that it is possible to facilitate the natural behaviour of none, some, or all wild animals within the travelling circus environment? Which species? How?

None

26. Comments

The travelling circus environment CAN NEVER facilitate the natural behaviour of wild animals.

27. Consultation Question 6: Do you consider that the concerns raised surrounding the travelling environment could be resolved without banning the use of wild animals in travelling circuses? How?

No

28. Comments

There is no way of resolving this issue other than giving the animals the freedom that is their birth right.

29. Consultation Question 7: Do you consider that there are any benefits to be gained from having wild animals in travelling circuses? What are they?

No

30. Comments

None.

31. Consultation Question 8: Do you believe that there are sufficient benefits to justify the potential compromise to the wider well-being of wild animals kept in the travelling circus? Why?

No

32. Comments

There is no benefit for the wild animals in a travelling circus.

33. Consultation Question 9: Do you consider that the potential conflict between compromising the well-being of wild animals and obtaining any benefit could be resolved without banning the use of wild animals in travelling circuses. If so how?

No

34. Comments

In my opinion there is no compromising. The animals should be freed once and for ever.

38. Don't Know

Don't know

39. Comments

I've never seen a happy animal in a circus in my whole life. They all look pretty much miserable.

40. Consultation Question 11: What effect do you think a ban on the use and exhibition of wild animals would have on the revenue of such circuses? Why?

Increase

41. Comments

Because the public would appreciate their understanding towards the REAL well being of the wild animals by setting them free.

42. Consultation Question 12: If a ban on the use and exhibition of wild animals was imposed, do you think that such circuses would still visit Scotland without the wild animals? Why?

Yes

43. Comments

The circuses would open opportunities for more human artists to become part of their show and the Scottish citizens would benefit from it.

44. Consultation Question 13: What effect do you think a ban on the use and exhibition of wild animals in travelling circuses would have on the revenue of other types of circuses (e.g. static or those travelling without wild animals)? Why?

No Change

45. Comments

The more circuses to entertain the public the better.

46. Consultation Question 14: What effect do you think a ban on the use and exhibition of wild animals in travelling circuses would have on the revenue of circus venues? Why?

No change

47. Comments

The circuses would come up with innovative ideas where new artists would join them with new performances.

48. Consultation Question 15: Do you consider that a ban on wild animals in travelling circuses could have an impact on other industries? If so, which industries, what would be the effect and why?

Film

No impact

TV - drama

No impact

TV - documentary

No impact

TV - childrens

No impact

Advertising - TV

No impact

Advertising - other

No impact

Other

No impact

Other

No impact

Other

No impact

49. Comments

The ban of wild animals in travelling circuses would not affect those industries, in my opinion.

50. Consultation Question 16: Do you agree that the use of wild animals for performance in travelling circuses should be banned in Scotland? Why?

Yes

51. Comments

I've already made enough comments to answer this question.

52. Consultation Question 17: Do you agree that the use of wild animals for exhibition in travelling circuses should be banned in Scotland? Why?

Yes

53. Comments

Why are you asking the same question, over and over again?

54. Consultation Question 18: Do you consider that any ban should be a blanket ban on all wild animals in travelling circuses? Why?

Yes

55. Comments

Please see previous question where I fully discussed this matter.

56. Consultation Question 19: Do you consider that any specific species of animal not commonly domesticated in the British Islands should be permitted to be used in travelling circuses in Scotland? If so, which species and why?

No

57. Comments

Any species. Because travelling circuses are outdated for this kind of practices.

58. Consultation Question 20: Do you consider that there are key species that should be covered by a ban in the event that a blanket ban could not be achieved? If so, which species and why?

Yes

59. Comments

I think all wild animal species should be covered by a ban.

60. Consultation Question 21: Do you have any other comments on whether/how the use of wild animals in travelling circuses should be banned from Scotland?

Yes

61. Comments

I just want to reinforce the need for the wild animals to be freed from travelling circuses.

62. Consultation Question 22: Do you consider that the consultation paper explained the key issues sufficiently for you to properly consider your responses?

Yes

64. Consultation Question 23: Do you consider that you had sufficient time to respond to the consultation?

Yes

66. Consultation Question 24: Do you have any other comments on the way this consultation has been conducted?

No

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