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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?

Yes

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)

Circus industry

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?

No

18. Comments

they have the utmost standards of welfare and care and the claims made by the animal rights groups are incorrect and not justified as has been proven on many occasions not just publicly but also in legal courts with them receiving guilty verdicts as well as [redacted] with a hidden agenda to raise money for their own pockets.

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

No

20. Comments

I believe circuses are a great resource of education for children and allow them to be up close to them when they are unable to experience this anywhere else, the animals acts are based purely on natural behaviours as found in the wild there is plenty of evidence to support this

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?

Yes

22. Comments

circus have long called for an independent, unbiased licensing system with regular unannounced checks to ensure they adhere to the licensing standards, if they had something to hide why would they be calling for this measure to be put in place

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?

None

24. Comments

all of their acts are based on natural behaviours and movements.

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?

All

26. Comments

because they are already based on natural behaviours

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?

Yes

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?

Yes

30. Comments

Animals are protected from extinction or subject to poachers as they are in the wild and they also receive the highest of medical care when required plus there is a high education value for children

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

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?

Yes

36. Number in last 5 years

loads

37. Number in last 12 months

3 on multiple occasions

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?

Decrease

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?

Don't know

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?

Decrease

45. Comments

they not as popular as animal circuses

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?

Decrease

47. Comments

would have less circuses visiting maybe none

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

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would be the effect and why?

- Film
  - Negative impact
- TV - drama
  - Negative impact
- TV - documentary
  - Negative impact
- TV - childrens
  - Negative impact
- Advertising - TV
  - Negative impact
- Advertising - other
  - Negative impact
- Other
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- Other
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- Other
  - Negative impact

50. Consultation Question 16: Do you agree that the use of wild animals for performance in travelling circuses should be banned in Scotland? Why?  
No

51. Comments  
there is no genuine reason to ban them

52. Consultation Question 17: Do you agree that the use of wild animals for exhibition in travelling circuses should be banned in Scotland? Why?  
No

54. Consultation Question 18: Do you consider that any ban should be a blanket ban on all wild animals in travelling circuses? Why?  
No

55. Comments  
no genuine evidence to support one

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?  
Yes

57. Comments  
all

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?  
No

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?  
No

62. Consultation Question 22: Do you consider that the consultation paper explained the key issues sufficiently for you to properly consider your responses?  
No

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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