

## Received answer

## 2. Title

Ms

## 3. Surname

Budge

## 4. Forename

Caroline

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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?

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)

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

Because they are forced to take part against their will for the pleasure of people. This is disrespectful and undignified.

## 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

Because it promotes the notion that animals exist purely for our pleasure and entertainment, regardless of their own needs and natural instincts. It perpetuates the attitude that animals are lesser beings than humans.

## 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

The use of wild animals in circuses amounts not only to use but abuse. These animals could not reasonably be 'used' in circuses without breaking their natural will and instinct, and depriving them of their freedom and ability to engage in natural behaviours, in their natural environment.

## 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 such confined quarters, lacking in the unique food, climate and social environment required by each type of circus animal, all their natural behaviours can be expected to be compromised, except those that are evoked in response to captivity and environmental deprivation.

## 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

No, this is not their natural habitat

## 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

For all the above reasons

## 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

No benefits at all, except to those who are able to find pleasure in animal abuse

## 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

I can't see any justifiable benefits

## 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

## 38. Don't Know

Don't know

## 39. Comments

I have no interest in visiting a circus therefore don't know how often they visit Scotland

## 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?

No change

## 41. Comments

I would imagine there would initially be less revenue, but that circuses could feasibly re-invent themselves to incorporate more diversity of human performances in place of wild animals

## 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

If they took a creative approach, yes

## 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?

Increase

## 45. Comments

If anything, a change in attitude around animals in circuses could bring about increased revenue for those who do not use wild animals

## 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?

Don't know

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

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

Because it is inhumane

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

As above

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

There is no feasible justification for some circuses to be allowed to use wild animals and others not

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

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

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

Don't know

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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