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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)

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?

Yes

18. Comments

I believe the animals outside of their natural environment are stressed, and little respect is given for their natural behaviors. I feel that the treatment of animals in preparation for performances is abusive and inhumane.

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

I believe that when children see animals 'performing' in a circus they believe the animals enjoy doing it. I feel the children have no idea that the animals have been taken from their natural habitat and are not returned to it. I feel this is a deception that blurs how children see, respect, understand wild 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

I do not believe concerns relating to respect for animals could be resolved without banning the use of wild animals in traveling circuses.

24. Comments

All wild animals ability to undertake natural behaviours are compromised within the travelling circus environment. All species are limited in their ability to roam, nest, groom, socialize with their families, mate, hide, hunt, sleep, and many other species specific behaviors due to their confinement to cages, performing areas, trains, trucks, tents, and other areas where they are kept during transport to and from performance areas, and while not in performance areas.

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

I do not believe that it is possible to facilitate any species' natural behavior within the travelling circus environment, due to the constraints placed on each species ability to move, interact, mate, socialize, hide, sleep, nest, roam, groom, and hunt, and many other species specific natural behaviors.

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

I do not believe that concerns raised surrounding the travelling environment could be resolved without banning the use of wild animals in traveling circuses.

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

I do not believe that there are any benefits to be gained from having wild animals in travelling circuses.

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 do not believe that there are sufficient benefits to justify the potential compromise to the wider well-being of wild animals kept in the traveling 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

I do not believe 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.

36. Number in last 5 years

at least once

37. Number in last 12 months

at least once

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

41. Comments

Without the draw of animals in travelling circuses I feel they would see a decrease in revenue.

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?

No

43. Comments

There would be no benefit to their bottom line in visiting Scotland, so they would not visit.

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

The focus would change and the public would be drawn to circuses like Cirque ce Soleil, with human performers.

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 circus venues would maintain the same revenue if they advertise the same way for human performances, like Cirque de Soleil.

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

Positive 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

Wild animals in travelling circuses are mistreated and unable to perform natural behaviors within the travelling circus environment, so I agree that the use of wild animals for performance in travelling circuses should be banned in Scotland.

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

Wild animals in travelling circuses are mistreated and unable to perform natural behaviors within the travelling circus environment, so I agree that the use of wild animals for exhibition in travelling circuses should be banned in Scotland.

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

Wild animals in travelling circuses are mistreated and unable to perform natural behaviors within the travelling circus environment, so I agree that the use of wild animals for performance in travelling circuses should be banned in all circuses.

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?

Yes

59. Comments

All species.

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?

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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