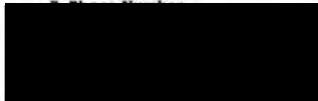


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- 10. Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (In Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site)?
Yes
- 12. Please tick ONE of the following boxes
Yes, make my response, name and address all available
- 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)
Advertising/entertainment 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
Captivity and the use of training methods to force a wild animal to do things it would not do in the wild is unethical at best and cruel at worst.
- 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
Watching wild animals perform encourages the view that the natural world is simply there for our pleasure and the pleasure of our children at any cost to the animal.
- 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
- 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
All big cats, elephants zebras. Dogs and horses are perhaps less likely to suffer, but even with these some deprivation, inappropriate training and sloppy care is pretty well inevitable. Better to forbid all animals in circuses
- 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
- 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
- 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
Benefits to whom? The owners of the circuses? Their bank balances? Certainly not to the animals which are simply a way of generating profit from an outmoded and doomed way of life for them and their owners.
- 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?
No
- 38. Don't Know
Don't know
- 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
Probably a decrease if their audiences remain ignorant of the effects of circuses on wild animals. There are many, very successful circuses, who have given up their animals and have diversified their acts.
- 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
Why not, if the public are sympathetic to the banning of animals and if the ban on wild animals in all circuses was accompanied by nationwide information explaining the reasons for the ban
- 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
Difficult to assess. You are asking for conjecture on the basis of insufficient evidence. Circuses without animals are very much in fashion at present and seem to be thriving.
- 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
It would decrease only if the circuses didn't put in place an alternative scenario for their business. It would increase if their plans for life without animals were priority implemented and designed.
- 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
 - Positive Impact
- TV - drama
 - Positive Impact
- TV - documentary
 - Positive Impact
- TV - childrens
 - Positive Impact
- Advertising - TV
 - No Impact
- Advertising - other
 - No Impact

49. Comments

The above industries would find other ways of selling their products without abusing animals.

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

The practice of using wild animals is barbaric, cruel, outmoded. Our attitudes to the natural world have, thankfully, undergone major change.

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

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

This question seems to me to be superfluous in the light of the previous questions.

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

59. Comments

Pragmatically of course endangered animals should be banned, like tigers, leopards. Also elephants in the light of what is happening to these animals through unrestricted poaching. To allow some animals to escape the ban might just expose too many loopholes for the unscrupulous to exploit

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

63. Comments

many of the questions were vague and repetitive asking for a response which had already been given.

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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