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Petitions Committee: P-04-445 Electronic 'Invisible' Fencing

I am writing further to my letter of 4th September regarding the Animal Welfare (Electronic Collars) (Wales) Regulations 2010 and the petition calling for the Welsh Government to remove the ban under this legislation on electronic collars linked with invisible boundary fencing/hidden fencing.

The Welsh legislation that bans the use of electronic collars has been in force since 2010. The Welsh Government will be reviewing the operation of the ban and the legislation that applies it in due course. This will inform any policy decisions that result in change to the legislation. In carrying out the review, a wide range of evidence will be considered both from available scientific enquiry and representations from interested parties, but that review will not start until the summer of 2014 simply because of other priorities related to animal welfare.

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