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Dear Andrew,

Please find below the answer to your Written Question:

Andrew R.T. Davies (South Wales Central): What assessment has the Minister made of the economic impact of pet dogs causing harm and distress to Welsh livestock? (WQ87644)

Lesley Griffiths: I have laid Legislative Consent Memorandums, in respect of all the clauses contained in the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill, before the Senedd. This is a UK Government Bill sponsored by Defra which repeals and replaces the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 in respect of England and Wales with a new set of provisions to address the issue of dogs attacking or worrying livestock.

The Kept Animals Bill Impact Assessment, published in August 2021, considers the economic and other impacts of dog attacks on livestock in England and Wales.

Unfortunately, the Bill is currently stalled, and I have exerted pressure to ensure progress is made as a matter of urgency.

Regards,

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