

24 January 2018

Dear ,

## ATISN 11861 - CCTV in Welsh Slaughterhouses

Thank you for your request which I received on 2 January 2018 about CCTV in Welsh Slaughterhouses. The information you requested is enclosed in Annex 1.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit Welsh Government Cathays Park Cardiff CF10 3NQ

or Email: <u>FreedomOfInformation@gov.wales</u>

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.



Yours sincerely

1) Any reports, comments or recommendations provided in the last two years (ie 2016 and 2017) by the Wales Animal Health and Welfare Framework Group to the Welsh Government Minister for the Environment and Rural Affairs concerning the introduction of CCTV in Welsh slaughterhouses.



Exempt under Section 21(1) Information accessible to applicant by other means:

- The Need for and Possible Implementation of a Workable System of CCTV in All Slaughterhouses in Wales - The Safeguarding Animal Welfare at Slaughter Task and Finish Group - October 2016 (available in the public domain) Link: <a href="http://gov.wales/docs/drah/publications/161222-cctv-in-wales-slaughter-houses-en.pdf">http://gov.wales/docs/drah/publications/161222-cctv-in-wales-slaughter-houses-en.pdf</a>
- FAWC Opinion on CCTV in slaughterhouses (available in the public domain)
   Link:
   <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/400796/Opinion\_on\_CCTV\_in\_slaughterhouses.pdf</u>
- Animal Aid's Response to The Safeguarding Animal Welfare at Slaughter Task and Finish Group Report on CCTV (available in the public domain) Link: http://www.senedd.assembly.wales/documents/s61485/28.03.17
   Correspondence - Petitioner to the Committee.pdf
- A Critique of the Welsh Government 'Welfare at Slaughter Task and Finish Group' Report: 'The Need For and Possible Implementation of a Workable System of CCTV in All Slaughterhouses in Wales (information reasonably accessible to requester by other means – critique written and provided by Mr David Grimsell)
- 2) Details of any requests made in the last two years (ie 2016 and 2017) to the Wales Animal Health and Welfare Framework Group by the Welsh Government Minister for the Environment and Rural Affairs relating to their comments or views concerning the introduction of CCTV in Welsh slaughterhouses.



3) Details eg dates and organisational invitees of any meetings convened by the Welsh Government to discuss introduction of CCTV in Welsh slaughterhouses in the last two years (ie 2016 and 2017).

## 2016

 The Task & Finish Group held meetings to discuss CCTV in slaughterhouses on the following dates:

8 February 2016

8 March 2016

10 May 2016

 15 December 2016 – Meeting between the Cabinet Secretary of Environment and Rural Affairs and members of The Safeguarding Animal Welfare at Slaughter Task and Finish Group.

## 2017

- 9 March 2017 Meeting between the Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) Wales, officials from the Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer (OCVO) and officials from Environment and Rural Affairs - Food Policy (ERA-Food.
- 25 April 2017 Meeting between CVO Wales, officials from CCVO, officials from ERA-Food, representatives of the British Veterinary Association (BVA) and representatives of the Food Standards Agency (FSA).
- 7 August 2017 Meeting between CVO Wales, officials from OCVO and officials from ERA-Food..
- 8 August 2017 Meeting between Cabinet Secretary of Environment and Rural Affairs, officials from OCVO and officials from (ERA-Food).
- 26 October 2017 Meeting between CVO Wales and officials from OCVO.
- 4) Details of planned further Welsh Government meetings to consider introduction of CCTV in Welsh Slaughterhouses in 2018.

At the time of the request, there are currently no meetings planned.