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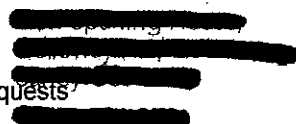
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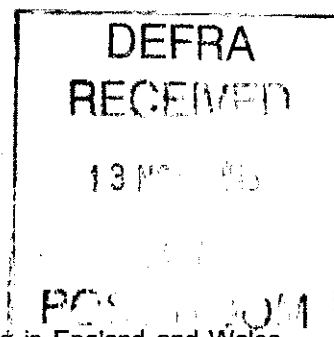
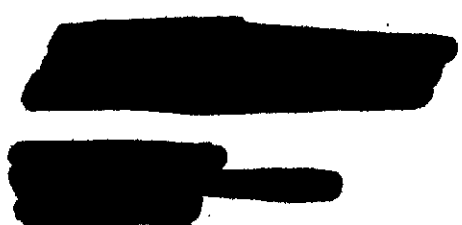
For the attention of the Freedom of Information Officer,

The Government commissioned report published by DEFRA in March 2012<sup>1</sup>, exposed a low compliance of snare operators with the Code of Practice. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would appreciate it if you could please answer the following questions for the period between 2010 and 2013:

1. Please provide details of the evidence submitted to Defra by any organisation or individual on the issue of snaring
  - a. Evidence refers to either industry reports, scientific journal articles, information sent by email, or relayed personally during a meeting or through telephone conversations.
2. Please provide details of any meetings Defra Ministers or civil servants have had with individuals or organisations involved snaring
  - a. Please indicate who (individuals or name of organisation) Defra Ministers or their staff have met with
  - b. The number of meetings which have taken place
  - c. When the meetings have taken place
3. Please provide details of any meetings Defra Ministers or civil servants have had with regard to the Bern Convention and its relevance to snaring.
4. Please provide details of any meetings Defra Ministers or civil servants have had with regard to the report on "*Determining the extent of use and humaneness of snares in England and Wales*" and any associated issues to do with it.

Please contact me with any questions or to discuss this request. Many thanks for your assistance.

Yours faithfully,



<sup>1</sup> Defra (2012) Determining the extent of use and humaneness of Snares in England and Wales. <http://tinyurl.com/bmkqbpk>