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**Sent:** 09 December 2013 08:04  
**To:** Helpline, Defra (CCU)  
**Subject:** 697/13 FOI Request - Snares

I make the following FOI request:

DEFRA completed the following research in 2010: [Determining the Extent of Use and Humaneness of Snares in England and Wales](#)

Since then DEFRA have informed me several times that Ministers are considering what to do following the report.

- 1) Explain how many times DEFRA ministers have corresponded regarding this matter? If possible provide copies of this correspondence.
- 2) How many times has this report been discussed in parliament?
- 3) The report showed that the UK was not meeting its obligations under the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards AIHTS. According to the implementation schedule, Parties to the Agreement will have until 2013 (5 years after entry into force) to test and certify trapping methods, and until 2016 to prohibit the use of traps not certified in accordance with standards of the Agreement. The Agreement was approved by [Council Decision 98/142/EC](#).

Given that the report showed UK is not meeting the trapping standards for restraining devices and that commercially available snares all breach AIHTS, please supply copies of correspondence showing that DEFRA has "tested and certified trapping methods" and informed the EU Council.

- 4) Given the timescale of 2016 before the UK will have to prohibit non certified traps, please supply correspondence with manufactures on proposed changes to design,

Yours etc

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