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By email:

Dear ,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Secretary of State's Standards in Zoos Committee

Thank you for your request for information of 25 February 2020 about the Committee updating the Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice (SSSMZP). We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

As apparently you are not willing to let me know who is on the committee for the updating of the Secretary of State's Standards in Zoos, this is an official email asking for an FOI Freedom of Information to let me know who is on the committee.

The Zoos Expert Committee (ZEC) is the Committee undertaking the update of the SSSMZP. There is no other committee updating the standards. The members of ZEC are as follows:

Name	Role
Simon Girling	Chair and veterinary
Samantha Ward	Animal Welfare
Chris Draper	Animal Welfare
Campbell Murn	Conservation
Paul Rose	Education
Lucinda George	Local Authority
Matt Brash	Vet and zoo inspector
Jon Cracknell	Vet and zoo inspector
Charlotte Macdonald	Zoo operator
Nic Dunn	Zoo operator

We note that your two other emails contained other questions about the update of the SSSMZP. The Zoos Policy Team here in Defra will respond to you separately on those questions.

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If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Information Rights Team

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Annex A

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