

Summary report of the Zoos Expert Committee (ZEC) October 2022 meeting

Meeting by video conference on 11 October 2022

Items discussed:

- Defra provided an update on the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill, which was waiting for a parliamentary slot for its House of Common's Report and Third Reading stages
- Defra presented a discussion paper providing a summary of the main issues raised during the Standards of Modern Zoo Practice for Great Britain consultation
- Defra economists delivered a 'cost and impact' presentation, for discussion, based on the information received during the consultation on the Standards of Modern Zoo Practice for Great Britain
- BIAZA representatives joined the meeting to present BIAZA proposals to refine the Hazardous Animals Categorisation appendix in the Standards of Modern Zoo Practice for Great Britain
- the chair provided an update on the work of the ZEC subcommittee considering the Elephant Welfare Group 10-year report review. Comments had been received from several elephant keeping experts, and ZEC would be in a position shortly to respond to ministers' questions
- Defra provided an update on the Department's work developing new standards for the keeping of primates to underpin the proposed new primate licensing scheme
- Defra discussed ZEC's ways of working and how the transparency of ZEC could be further improved.
- the chair gave thanks to Nic Dunn and Lucie George for their work on the committee as both were stepping down from ZEC

Further information

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