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Dear Vikki

Further to your recent Written Assembly Question, please see my response below:

Vikki Howells (Conwy) Will the Minister provide an update on the review of the Code of Practice on the Rearing of Birds for Sporting Purposes, which was described as a priority in November 2018? WAQ78379

Lesley Griffiths: The welfare of Gamebirds is protected by the Animal Welfare Act 2006. The Code of Practice for the Welfare of Gamebirds Reared for Sporting Purposes was first published in January 2001 and last updated in January 2011. The code was developed in consultation with key stakeholders.

The Welsh Government and the Wales Animal Health and Welfare Framework Group recognises the value of working in partnership with the third sector in Wales and welcomes the chance to engage with stakeholders where necessary.

Officials are working with the shooting industry and welfare organisations to review and update our existing Code of Practice for the Welfare of Gamebirds. It is important that the Code reflects the latest husbandry and management techniques and standards of care that the law requires. Stakeholder engagement is expected to be completed by the end of August.

Regards
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