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Animal Welfare Bill

Dear Member,

A little while ago an advertisement was placed inviting people to submit issues that should be addressed by an Animal Welfare Bill and accordingly I submitted some points which I believe the Bill should address.

When a Public Meeting was held in which the Select Committee took evidence from the Chief Government Vet. The Chair of the Committee appeared to suggest that it was the Legislation itself which had gone out to consultation, giving the impression that Legislative proposals had been drafted and consulted upon; if that is not what she said I apologise but it was the impression that I received.

It appeared from the questioning that Powers of Entry are to be given to the MSPCA, if this is indeed the case it appears to set up a massive Conflict of Interest in that the Designated Officer of the MSPCA will find him/her self having to choose between following the wording of the Legislation and following the Policy of the MSPCA (Matthew 6. 24)

Surely it would be better to retain the present system and use the Police for any enforcement under the Proposed Legislation. When the Legislation has been drafted will we the public be able to see the proposals as a White Paper.

I and many people I know are concerned that the Welfare Legislation is proportional and enforceable without transgressing any other boundaries.

Yours Sincerely



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