



## Petitions Committee

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Rt Hon Thérèse Coffey MP

Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

21 March 2023

Dear Secretary of State

I am writing regarding the Government's failure to respond to e-petition [630751](#), entitled "Retain bans on cat, dog, seal fur imports, and extend to ban all fur imports".

The standards for responding to e-petitions, which have been agreed between the Petitions Committee and Leader of the House, state that Government responses should be provided within 14 days and no later than 21 days.

A response to this petition was first requested on 26 January 2023, and despite repeated requests the Government's response is now over a month late.

Petitioners are entitled to a response from the Government when their petition receives over 10,000 signatures, and this should be provided in a timely fashion. I am sure you will agree that the delay in responding to this petition is not acceptable.

I would be grateful if you could provide the Government's response to this petition, and an explanation for the delay in responding, by no later than Thursday 13 April.

I am copying this letter to the Leader of the House.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine McKinnell MP  
Chair of the Petitions Committee