

The Rt Hon Mr Alistair Carmichael (Chair)
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee
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Dear Mr Carmichael,

I am writing to advise that the Animal Sentience Committee has written a report on Legislative Compliance and Enforcement of animal welfare legislation.

The report has now been published on gov.uk: [Animal Sentience Committee: report on the due regard to animal welfare – legislative compliance and enforcement - GOV.UK](#)

The Animal Sentience Committee was established by the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Act 2022 to furnish accountability to Parliament for consideration of the welfare of sentient animals in Ministerial decisions. The Committee may produce reports containing its views on whether, or to what extent, the Government is having, or has had, all due regard to the ways in which the policy might have an adverse effect on the welfare of animals as sentient beings.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Seals'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a thin horizontal line.

Michael Seals

Animal Sentience Committee Chair

If you have any questions, please contact the Animal Sentience Committee secretariat at: SentienceSecretariat@defra.gov.uk

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