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Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
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Dear Secretary of State

I am writing to ask for you when the Government will be launching its call for evidence on the use of snares.

The Government recently responded to a [petition](#) calling for the use of free-running snares for trapping wildlife to be made illegal. In its response, your department stated that the Government would be launching a call for evidence on the use of snares “in due course”, to ensure it has the very latest understanding on this issue.

This petition has now received over 100,000 signatures, and is entitled to be considered for debate in the House of Commons. It would be preferable for the Government’s call for evidence to be published before any debate on this issue, so this can be discussed by MPs.

To help us decide when to schedule a debate on this petition, we would be grateful if you could confirm, by Thursday 21 April, when the Government is planning to launch its call for evidence on the use of snares.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine McKinnell MP
Chair of the Petitions Committee