

From: TRUSS, Elizabeth [mailto:elizabeth.truss.mp@parliament.uk]
Sent: 03 July 2012 21:41
To: PS/Jim Paice (Secretariat)
Subject: FW: Vermin

Dear James,

I am writing on behalf of my constituent [REDACTED] regarding the issue of bird flu. I would appreciate it if you could consider the points that he raises so I may provide him with a full response.

Best wishes,

Elizabeth



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 June 2012 15:16
To: TRUSS, Elizabeth
Subject: Fw: Vermin

Good afternoon Mrs Truss,
I have recently sent the enclosed email to [REDACTED] Defra and to the National Farmers Union. I realise this is a contentious issue but it has been made more poignant by the recent suggestion from those in the know that Bird flu is still an issue that is a real threat.

My feeling is that it is better to confront the issue before bird flu is confirmed in this country or nearby European nations.

Do we know what diseases are carried by on farm vermin and do we have plans to deal with a situation if it ever arose?

I have had no information yet but I am wondering if this Government has any contingency plans in the event of a bird flu incident which would include the destruction of the high number of birds attracted to the pig field sites.

Let's hope bird flu does not come but 'head in sand' is not an option as I see it.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 7:51 AM

Subject: RE: Vermin

I am trying to find someone to give you an answer to your query. Sorry for the delay

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 11 June 2012 14:47

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Vermin

Dear Sir,

I just sent a short email to [REDACTED] but I think it bounced.

My query refers to vermin associated with outdoor pig herds.

In Norfolk the light lands are proving to be well suited for economical outdoor pig herds.

The high numbers of rooks, carrion crows, gulls and starlings are becoming more evident in the vicinity of these herds.

My question is to find out if there is any ongoing research into the potential for disease such as bird flu or salmonella being carried by vermin. Is there any proven and authorised method of control being investigated and carried out?

I would be grateful to hear from you in due course.

[REDACTED]