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Thank you for your letter of the 7th May in respect of the Wild Animals and Circuses (Wales) Bill in which you sought consent from the UK Government for a provision in the Bill in relation to power of entry in Crown land but only with consent of the relevant Crown authority.

My officials have confirmed with relevant UK Government departments that we are content for consent to be given for this provision. As you acknowledge it is highly unlikely that an inspector would need to use this power. Furthermore, with a similar Westminster Bill having recently gained Royal Assent the goal of outlawing wild animals being used in circuses throughout Great Britain will be achieved once your Bill is on the statute book.

Therefore, I am content for consent to be given for the provision relating to Crown Land in the Wild Animals and Circuses (Wales) Bill.

Yours sincerely,

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