

**P-05-1061 Give financial support to Pet Boarding businesses, Correspondence –
Petitioner to Committee, 09.03.21**

Thank you for your continued efforts in this matter.

Since the last meeting the Welsh Government have since clarified the position regarding kennels and catteries and have instructed councils to pay out the discretionary grant to those who have had a significant loss of income.

My own council originally refused to pay out, using Ken Skates letter to the petitions committee as justification to do so. They have now re assessed and payed out.

I believe this 'clarification' came about because of the pressure put on by members of our industry, BBC Wales and yourselves, which is very much appreciated.

However, while this action gives a short term lifeline to the industry, it doesn't protect us in the long term and we face the same fight again in the future. One simple action could secure our industry and jobs in the long term, we ask to be classified as a travel and tourism sector industry. Any assistance you can give to achieve this would be very welcome.