



The Scottish Parliament
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Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

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By email only

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

The Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee considered the [Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2022](#) at its meeting on 5 October 2022. The Committee made no recommendation in relation to the instrument but did agree to write to you to request some additional information as follows –

- How long does the Scottish Government anticipate the rabies testing process to be backlogged despite the introduction of the ELISA test, presuming the influx of refugees and their pets from Ukraine remains at the current, lower level?
- The Scottish Government's view about whether the time period permitting the use of the ELISA test will need to be extended again; and
- What reassurance the Scottish Government can provide that any further extensions of the ELISA test will be anticipated so any future instruments won't breach the 28-day rule?

I am also copying this letter to the Convener of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

The Committee would appreciate a response by Friday 4 November 2022.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Finlay Carson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Finlay Carson MSP
Convener
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