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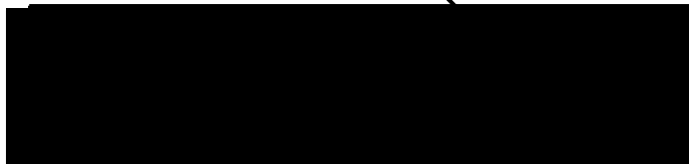
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From Lord Henley  
Parliamentary Under Secretary

Thank you for your letter of 28 October to the Secretary of State about the publication date of research into snaring carried out by Defra. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

I am pleased to say that the fieldwork element of the research is complete and the report is in the process of being written. However, it then has to be peer-reviewed, amended if necessary, and publication approved by Defra Ministers. We aim to do this without any unnecessary delays, but it will take time. As I am sure you realise the issue is sensitive and complex and it is important that the report is robust and clear and that this is not compromised by undue haste. We do not have a fixed publication date yet but it is not likely to be before 2011. When we do have a date for publication my officials will let you know.



LORD HENLEY