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From George Eustice MP
Minister of State

Dear Mr Burden,

Thank you for your letter of 25 August on behalf of a number of your constituents about the siting of CCTV in slaughterhouses.

The Farm Animal Welfare Committee (FAWC) was commissioned by English, Welsh and Scottish Ministers to produce an independent assessment of the benefits of CCTV in slaughterhouses. The report was published in February 2015. FAWC concluded that CCTV can offer some real benefits but that it cannot replace the need for businesses to have proper monitoring procedures in place and did not recommend legislation. The Food Standards Agency (FSA) estimates that in Great Britain 94% of cattle, 96% of pig, 90% of sheep and 99% of poultry throughput now comes from slaughterhouses with CCTV in use which suggests that it is not necessary to legislate for change to happen. The Government is exploring ways to encourage take up in the remaining slaughterhouses.

PP GEORGE EUSTICE MP

Approved by the Minister,
signed in his absence.



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