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Fur Free Britain

Thanks to everyone who has written to me about the fur trade.

I share the concerns of many constituents that the fur trade can inflict great suffering on animals. The Labour Government banned fur farming in the UK in 2000 and more than a dozen countries across Europe have since followed the UK's lead and banned fur farming.

However, with the exception of fur from cats, dogs and seals, fur products can still be legally imported from other countries. It is entirely understandable therefore why many people are concerned that the UK continues to import millions of pounds worth of animal fur each year, often from countries with weak animal welfare laws. I have raised this issue with the Government and have asked if they have considered the potential merits of extending the ban on the sale of cat, dog and seal fur to other species. You can keep track of my contributions in Parliament [here](#).

It is vital that strong protections are in place to protect the welfare of animals and the UK Government have a duty to work together with other countries to fight animal cruelty across the world.

Thanks again to all those who have contacted me about the fur trade.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burden'.

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