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From the Office of the Minister for Local Environment, Marine and Animal Welfare
Ben Bradshaw MP

Doc Peter,

Thank you for your letter of 3 November to Margaret Beckett about subsidies destined for bullfight farmers.

As you are aware, the European Parliament has proposed an amendment to budget line 05 03 02 08 on the Beef Special Premium payments. The justification for this amendment is to stop the payment of this premium to bulls kept for bullfighting in Spain. I can assure you that the UK position on this amendment is to support it.

With best wishes,



BEN BRADSHAW