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17 The Connétable of St. Martin of the Minister for the Environment regarding the protection of the welfare of livestock (OQ.303/2020)

Will the Minister outline what work is being undertaken on improving protection of the welfare of livestock, and if none is being undertaken will he explain why not?

Deputy G.C. Guida of St. Lawrence (Assistant Minister for the Environment - rapporteur):

Quite simply, we have been working extremely hard on the Wildlife Law for the past few years. In parallel, work has been undertaken to renew the Animal Welfare Law. As I will probably be presenting the Wildlife Law tomorrow, we can now devote all our attention on the welfare law. We have had the luck of securing one of the best state veterinarians in the industry and we hope that he will help us with this work very, very soon.

4.17.1 The Connétable of St. Martin:

I am delighted to hear that. As Deputy Guida, the Assistant Minister, knows, I have been asking him about this since I was sworn in in 2018. I would like to ask him what the timeframe will be because it is very urgent that something is put in place.

Deputy G.C. Guida:

The Constable will know that the frustration has been shared throughout our department. It is a very, very complex issue. We do hope to have something by next year, by 2021.