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THE HORSE INDUSTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT: THE DEFRA VIEW

Lord de Mauley TD

The Horse Industry and the Government: The Defra View

Thank you for kindly inviting me back this year to speak to you. I’m afraid that as soon as I’ve spoken to you I have to dash over the road for Parliamentary business. The Defra view, as I see it, is that we have a good working relationship with the horse world and we’re delivering some excellent work together. This would be impossible without support and challenge from the Equine Sector Council and Steering Committee and I’d like to thank Jeanette Allen for her leadership there. Let me illustrate this by highlighting a few recent successes.

Crucial to our support for UK businesses is our focus on exports. In 2014 we facilitated equine exports to a wide range of countries to support a market worth £96m to the UK economy. Negotiations are detailed and lengthy but they run smoothest when Government works hand in hand with UK exporters. For example, our recent collaborative work on export health certification for China has secured access to a market worth up to £10m a year. My officials are meeting with a range of exporters today to discuss market access and priority markets. I have offered to meet them later this month and discuss their conclusions and how best to build on our progress.

Another key Government responsibility is regulation. After many of you highlighted problems in 2013, we pushed for a strengthened, fit-for-purpose Equine ID regime throughout Europe. A new regulation was agreed last year providing an important opportunity to get things working better. One significant change is the requirement for all Member States to operate a Central Equine Database. We have welcomed input and challenge from across the sector and learned lessons from the former database. We are on target to approach the market in summer and begin developing the database towards the end of the year. The new database is intended to prevent unsafe horses entering the food chain.

I am aware there are strong views on what the database should do. However I should make clear that we can only deliver a database which will meet the statutory requirements. Extras could be added where there is a clear need - for example to assist Local Authorities in enforcing regulations where the horse has been properly identified. But Government should not do more than this. Further functions that the sector would find useful would be for the sector to provide.

Our focus now is to work with Devolved Authorities, enforcement authorities, Passport Issuing Organisations, horse owners and vets to get the new system working well. A robust regulatory framework is important – but to be effective we need people to meet their responsibilities. I would ask you in the sector to help us improve awareness and compliance so people know the importance of doing the right thing.

The Government also listened to the voices of horse welfare organisations and landowners on fly-grazing. We are well aware that a horse being fly-grazed, abandoned and neglected
presents serious health and welfare issues and that horses are being found starving, ill or worse. This has become a widespread problem throughout the country. Estimates suggest that there may be over 3,000 horses being fly-grazed in England alone. I would like to commend the efforts of welfare organisations in shedding light on this issue, and local authorities for sharing best practice in dealing with fly grazing. Again, this partnership approach is crucial to tackling the problem. I would like to thank Steven Gale, who you will hear from shortly, for his leadership in developing the approach for local authorities.

Since last year’s Forum, we have been able to support Julian Sturdy’s Private Member’s Bill on Control of Horses which provides an immensely useful opportunity to tackle fly-grazing. I am pleased to have worked closely with Julian and agree the Government amendments to extend the Bill’s scope to private as well as public land and ensure a consistent approach. The Bill would help people deal promptly and effectively with fly-grazing and act as a deterrent by:

- allowing horses to be disposed of 96 hours after detention, rather than fourteen days; and
- allowing disposal options to include gifting, rehoming or where there is no alternative, euthanasia.

I wish Baroness Ann Mallalieu every success in guiding the Bill through the House swiftly.

There is still much to be done to break the cycle of oversupply of low-value horses. I would continue to urge people to consider rehoming a horse, and for existing owners to think seriously before breeding.

Another of Defra’s top priorities is **protecting animal health**. We work hard to prepare for notifiable disease outbreaks, monitor global outbreaks and assess the risk to the UK. The risk of outbreak is low but constant so vigilance and prompt reporting by keepers and vets is vital to help us act early. Monitoring, good farming practice and appropriate biosecurity measures are essential in reducing the risk of outbreaks in the first place and preventing spread. We depend on working closely with you and we pay attention to your invaluable experience and knowledge.

We listened to your concerns about the proposals to remove notifiable status of two exotic horse diseases - Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) and Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) as part of the Red Tape Challenge, and we decided not to proceed. We will continue to improve our control approach for both diseases with you.

As a final example of close Government and Industry cooperation, the revised **Tripartite Agreement** has been successfully running since May 2014. This now allows racing and competition horses attending FEI events with a demonstrably high health status to travel between the UK and France without first being inspected and applying for a health certificate. It includes the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man for the first time, preserves our arrangements with Ireland and assists action against horse traders who ignore animal welfare requirements. Together we are safeguarding animal health through a risk-based approach whilst minimising admin burdens and costs.
To conclude, the view from Defra is that there is much to be proud of. There is always more to be done but I think we enjoy a strong and practical relationship with the horse world. I look forward to seeing it grow.

THE HORSE INDUSTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT: EQUINE SECTOR 2015 GENERAL ELECTION MANIFESTO FOR THE HORSE
Jeanette Allen and Louise Kemble

Steven Gale

Steven will highlight the legislation available to Local Authorities to tackle the increasing element of Fly Grazing on Local Authority Land, which pieces of legislation work and which ones do not.
Why there was a need to set up a dedicated Equine Group in the North East of England, who attends their quarterly group meetings and what is the group’s purpose, is it a template for other areas of the country.
What issues have been discovered regarding tracing ownership of horses through micro-chips and horse passports, or more commonly unregistered or no micro-chips found.
What is being done in the North East to aid compliance with the Regulations and to avoid unnecessary breeding.
There will also be an explanation of the role of Local Authorities regarding Riding Establishments and Livery Yards.
To conclude in an ideal world what would be helpful in the future to aid enforcement
THE HORSE INDUSTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT: CVOs PANEL DISCUSSION – EQUINE HEALTH AND WELFARE IN A CHANGING WORLD

Chaired by Roly Owers, with Robert Huey Chief Veterinary Officer for Northern Ireland, Prof Tim Morris Non-executive Member, Animal Health and Welfare Board England, Prof Jo Price Member, Wales Animal Health and Welfare Framework, Sheila Voas Chief Veterinary Officer for Scotland

Discussion will be added once it is transcribed
TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN FURTHER EDUCATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Chaired by Prof. Pat Harris

INTRODUCTION

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OVERVIEW OF WHAT IS AVAILABLE
Lisa Jarvis

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HAVE WE GOT THE MIX RIGHT?
Beth Maloney

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DISCUSSION

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GLOSSARY

**Accreditation of prior learning (APL)** the identification, assessment and formal acknowledgement of prior learning and achievement

**Assessment** the process of making judgements about the extent to which a learner’s work meets the assessment criteria of a unit, or any additional assessment requirements of a qualification

**Assessment criteria** descriptions of the requirements a learner is expected to meet to demonstrate that a learning outcome has been achieved

**Assessment standard** the standard that a learner is expected to reach in order to achieve credit for a unit, expressed through a combination of the learning outcomes and assessment criteria of that unit

**Assessor** a person who assesses a learner’s work

**CPD** Continual Professional Development

**FE** Further Education, full-time education at school or college

**Guided learning hours** the number of hours of teacher-supervised or directed study time required to teach a qualification or unit of a qualification

**HE** Higher Education, study undertaken at a Higher Education Institution (HEI)

**HEI** Higher Education Institution, University or college or school accredited to deliver higher education

**Learning outcome** a statement of what a learner can be expected to know, understand or do as a result of a process of learning

**Learning time** the amount of time a learner at the level of the unit is expected to take, on average, to complete the learning outcomes of the unit to the standard determined by the assessment criteria

**Level** an indication of the relative demand, complexity and/or depth of achievement, and/or the autonomy of the learner in demonstrating that achievement

**NEET** a young person who is "Not in Education, Employment, or Training"

**Notional hours of learning** the number of hours which it is expected that a learner (at a particular level) will spend, on average, to achieve the specified learning outcomes at that level

**QCF** Qualification Credit Framework

**SCQF** Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework
### The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework

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Some SQA qualifications are changing between 2013-2016. See [www.sqa.org.uk/readynote](http://www.sqa.org.uk/readynote)
EQUESTRIAN SUCCESSES

Queen’s Birthday Honours 2014 and New Year Honours 2015

Samuel Sheppard CBE
For work within the horse breeding industry and rural economy

Edward Gillespie OBE
For services to Horse Racing in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

Valerie Allen MBE
For voluntary service to Rider and Equine Safety

Jon Doney MBE
For services to British Showjumping

Angela Doughty MBE
For services to Children with Special Needs through the Riding for the Disabled Trust, Wilby, Northamptonshire

Ann Fraser MBE
For services to the Equestrian and Leisure industry in the Scottish Borders

Mark Romain MBE
For services to the saddlery industry and saddlery training in the UK and overseas

Patricia Dobbin BEM
For services to Riding for the Disabled Association, Hampshire and Surrey Borders

Louise Greer BEM
For services to Riding for the Disabled in Coleraine and Meningitis UK

Laurence Smith BEM
For services to dog welfare and working horses

BHS Queen’s Award for Equestrianism
Mrs Pat Campbell

BEF Medals of Honour
Robrecht Cnockaert
John Eccles
Sara Green
Virginia Keen MBE
John McEwen MBE
National and International Awards 2014

Badminton – Hugh Thomas
L’Année Hippique Best Event of the Year – Eventing
Hickstead – The Bunn Family
L’Année Hippique Best Event of the Year – Jumping
Scott Brash MBE
L’Année Hippique Rider of the Year – Jumping
Carl Hester MBE
L’Année Hippique Rider of the Year – Dressage

HM Queen Elizabeth II
FEI Lifetime Achievement Award

Jackie Potts BEM
FEI Best Groom

Charlotte Dujardin OBE
Sunday Times & Sky Sports Sportswoman & BT Sport Action Woman of the Year
Fourth place in the BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2014

Richard Meade OBE
SEIB Meritoire, presented as recognition for a lifetime’s contribution to the breeding industry

Animal Health Trust Awards 2014

John Huntridge – Eventing
Robrecht Cnockaert – Showjumping
Professor Pat Harris – Veterinary Award

UKCC Level 4 Coaches awarded in 2014

Tess Chew – Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) coach
Becky Johnson – British Horse Society (BHS) Instructor
**Pony (under 16)**

European Championships – Dressage – Team Silver
Rebecca Bell  Alexandra Hellings  Bethany-Rose Horobin  Phoebe Peters

European Championships – Dressage – Individual Bronze
Alexandra Hellings

European Championships – Dressage – Individual Freestyle Silver
Phoebe Peters

European Championships – Eventing – Team Silver
Chelsea Pearce  Thomas Tulloch  Isabelle Upton  Oliver Williams

European Championships – Eventing – Individual Silver
Isabelle Upton

**British Junior (Under 18)**

European Championships – Driving – Individual Bronze
Tara Wilkinson

European Championships – Eventing – Individual Gold
Anna Wilks

European Championships – Jumping – Team Gold
Mille Allen  Jessica Mendoza  Christie Pritchard  Jake Saywell

European Championships – Jumping – Individual Bronze
Jessica Mendoza

Youth Olympic Games – Jumping – Team Gold (European)
Jake Saywell

Children on Horses European Championships – Jumping – Individual Gold
Robert Murphy

**Young Riders (under 21)**

British Eventing – Goldman Cup, leading U21 rider
David Doel

European Championships – Eventing – Team Bronze
David Doel  Tom Jackson  Alexandra Liddle  Holly Woodhead

European Championships – Eventing – Individual Silver
Holly Woodhead
Young Driver European Championships – Driving – Individual Bronze
Michael Hodgson

**British Medallists from World Equestrian Games 2014**

**Dressage – Team Silver**
Charlotte Dujardin OBE  Michael Eilberg  Carl Hester MBE  Gareth Hughes

**Dressage – Individual Grand Prix Gold**
Charlotte Dujardin OBE

**Dressage – Individual Grand Prix Freestyle Gold**
Charlotte Dujardin OBE

**Para-Equestrian Dressage – Team Gold**
Natasha Baker MBE  Sophie Christiansen OBE  Lee Pearson CBE  Sophie Wells MBE

**Para-Equestrian Dressage – Individual Gold – Grade Ia**
Sophie Christiansen OBE

**Para-Equestrian Dressage – Individual Silver – Grade Ia Freestyle**
Sophie Christiansen OBE

**Para-Equestrian Dressage – Individual Gold – Grade Ib**
Lee Pearson CBE

**Para-Equestrian Dressage – Individual Gold – Grade Ib Freestyle**
Lee Pearson CBE

**Para-Equestrian Dressage – Individual Silver – Grade IV**
Natasha Baker MBE

**Para-Equestrian Dressage – Individual Silver – Grade IV Freestyle**
Sophie Wells MBE

**Eventing – Team Silver**
Tina Cook  William Fox-Pitt  Harry Meade  Zara Phillips

**Eventing – Individual Bronze**
William Fox-Pitt

**Vaulting – Individual Female Gold**
Joanne Eccles  John Eccles

**Vaulting – Pas de Deux Bronze**
Joanne Eccles  Hannah Eccles  John Eccles
British Medallists 2014

Veterans European Championship – Jumping – Team Bronze
Ann Berry    Ian Wynne    Lynda Birke    Sally Swiers
Veterans European Championship – Jumping – Individual Silver
Ian Wynne

World Championship – Para-Equestrian Driving – Individual Bronze Grade II
Mick Ward

World Records
Dressage – Grand Prix
Charlotte Dujardin OBE and Valegro 87.460%, Olympia CDI-W 16 December 14

Dressage – Grand Prix Freestyle
Charlotte Dujardin OBE and Valegro 94.30%, Olympia CDI-W 16 December 14

Dressage – Grand Prix Special
Charlotte Dujardin OBE and Valegro 88.022%, Hagen CDI4*,
Germany April 2012

British Athletes ranked No 1 in the World (Equestrian) 2014 – 2015
Scott Brash MBE – Showjumping
Charlotte Dujardin OBE – Dressage
Joanne Eccles – Vaulting
William Fox-Pitt – Eventing
Lee Pearson CBE – Para-Equestrian Dressage
Nicola Thorne – Endurance
Team GBR – Para Equestrian Dressage
TOPICAL SLOT: BHS HORSE ACCIDENT LOG

Lynn Petersen

www.horseaccidents.org.uk

www.horseaccidents.org.uk was launched by The British Horse Society in November 2010 in order to gather the evidence and statistics needed to effect changes in legislation, policy and behaviour. This evidence is vital as there is no other repository for information regarding horse accidents. A horse could die and a vehicle be written off but unless there is human injury that requires hospital treatment directly from the scene of the accident then there is no guarantee that the incident will be recorded in police (or any other) statistics.

Anybody involved in an accident or near miss involving horses is encouraged to report their experiences using the simple forms provided on the website. Data is collected on a variety of incident types ranging from road traffic accidents to dog attacks and issues caused by fireworks and bird scarers. Incident locations are plotted on a map and reported (in an anonymised format) to those in a position to make a difference. Examples include the Ministry of Defence, Department of Transport and police. Where clusters of incidents are identified or common themes emerge the data is used for lobbying and to effect real change.

Success stories to have arisen from www.horseaccidents.org.uk include reductions in speed limits and collaborative education programmes being developed with cycling organisations, bus companies and firms that employ delivery drivers. Data collected via the website was instrumental in shaping the amendments to the Dangerous Dogs Act (1991) that came into force during 2014.
TOPICAL SLOT: BUILDING A FUTURE FOR BRITISH BREEDING – THE BRITISH BREEDERS NETWORK

Jane Nixon

THE HORSE INDUSTRY REFLECTIONS AND PROJECTIONS: ECONOMIC IMPACT AND THE FUTURE OF BRITISH RACING

Will Lambe

“The British Racing industry is a significant industry for the British rural economy, generating £3.45 billion in annual expenditure and providing direct, indirect and associated employment for some 85,000 people. However, the future of the industry’s economic impact is uncertain – primarily owing to its outdated funding mechanism from betting activity. This presentation highlights the work which British Racing is undertaking across the industry, and with Government and other key external stakeholders, to not only maintain but grow this substantial economic impact further.”


Claire Williams

THE HORSE INDUSTRY REFLECTIONS AND PROJECTIONS: HOOF: INCREASING PARTICIPATION

Andrew Finding OBE
Question and answer sessions

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