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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

THE HORSE INDUSTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT: EQUINE LEGISLATION – IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT, THE VIEW FROM THE GROUND

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**

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**TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN FURTHER EDUCATION
IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**

Chaired by Prof. Pat Harris

INTRODUCTION

OVERVIEW OF WHAT IS AVAILABLE

Lisa Jarvis

HAVE WE GOT THE MIX RIGHT?

Beth Maloney

DISCUSSION

Discussion will be added once it is transcribed

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

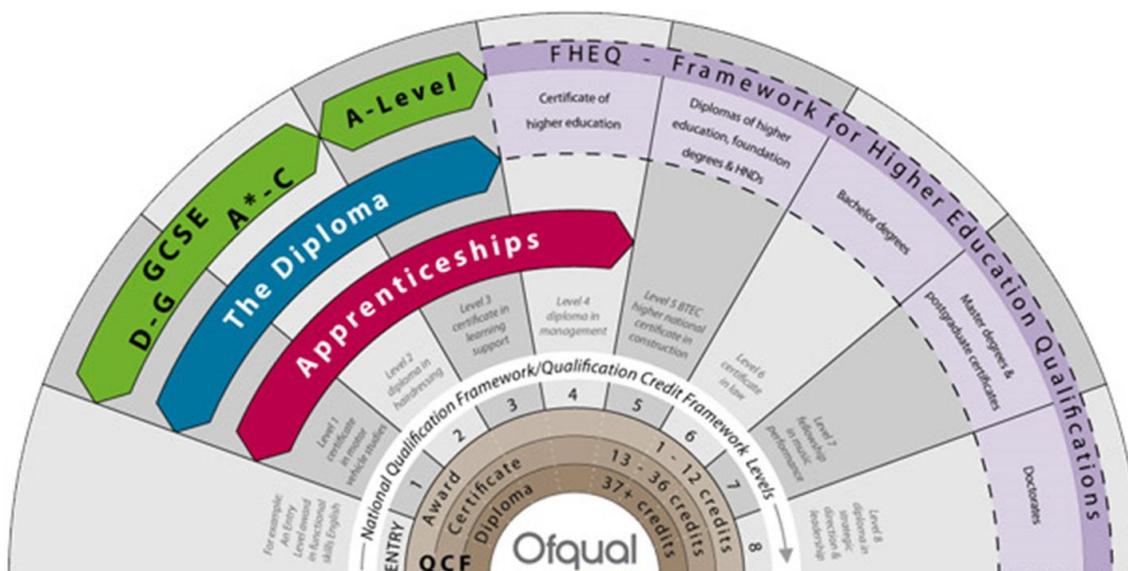
Level an indication of the relative demand, complexity and/or depth of achievement, and/or the autonomy of the learner in demonstrating that achievement

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

scqf scottish credit and qualifications framework

SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications		Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Scottish Vocational Qualifications
12			Doctoral Degree	
11	Some SQA qualifications are changing between 2013-2016. See www.sqa.org.uk/readyreckoner		Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	SVQ 5
10			Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	
9			Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate
8	Higher National Diploma		Diploma Of Higher Education	
7	Advanced Higher Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate	Certificate Of Higher Education	SVQ 3
6	Higher			
5	Intermediate 2 Credit Standard Grade			SVQ 2
4	Intermediate 1 General Standard Grade	National Certificate	National Progression Award	SVQ 1
3	Access 3 Foundation Standard Grade			
2	Access 2			
1	Access 1			

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.”

THE HORSE INDUSTRY REFLECTIONS AND PROJECTIONS: CHANGES IN THE BETA NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN SURVEY: INCLUDING A SUMMARY OF THE EARLY FINDINGS FROM THE BETA NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN SURVEY 2015

Claire Williams

THE HORSE INDUSTRY REFLECTIONS AND PROJECTIONS: HOOF: INCREASING PARTICIPATION

Andrew Finding OBE

Question and answer sessions

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