

# ANIMAL WELFARE (SENTIENCE) BILL [HL]

## EXPLANATORY NOTES ON COMMONS AMENDMENTS

### What these notes do

- 1 These Explanatory Notes relate to the Commons Amendments to the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill [HL] as brought from the House of Commons on 15 March 2022 (HL Bill 131).
- 2 These Explanatory Notes have been prepared by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in order to assist the reader of the Bill and the Commons amendments, and to help inform debate on them. They do not form part of the Bill and have not been endorsed by Parliament.
- 3 These Explanatory Notes, like the Commons amendments themselves, refer to Bill 219, the Bill as first printed for the Commons. These Explanatory Notes should be read in conjunction with the Commons amendments and the text of the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill. They are not, and are not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Commons amendments.
- 4 Amendment 1 was tabled by Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP and supported by the Government.
- 5 Amendment 2 was tabled by Jo Churchill MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, on behalf of the Government.

# Commentary on provisions of Commons amendments

## Commons Amendment 1

- 6 This amendment would require any recommendations in reports produced by the Animal Sentience Committee to respect religious rites, cultural traditions and regional heritage. The Committee would be required to consider whether any recommendations it produced could have an effect on these factors.

## Commons Amendment 2

- 7 This amendment removes the privilege amendment added to the Bill by the Lords.

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