


BSE IN PETFOOD

The Secretary's minute of 19 April to Mr Meldrum caused me to look again at Mr Gleave's record of my meeting with the Parliamentary Secretary (Mr Thompson) on the topic of BSE in Petfood.

I should clarify that in suggesting that "infective levels of the scrapie agent in petfood were so low that, even if domestic animals were susceptible to BSE (and there was no evidence that there were), there was unlikely to be any risk of the disease developing", I was reporting the conclusions drawn from the research carried out by which they were offering to share with MAFF. In fact this was the entire context of the discussion and it seems unlikely to me that the Parliamentary Secretary misunderstood this.

Action has now been taken to discuss their research work with and we are presently settling on a date when all interested parties in the Department can attend, together with the representatives from I attach a copy of my letter to accordingly.


J D Garnett
25 April 1989

Mr Meldrum (+1)

cc Mr Gleave (APS/Mr Thompson)
Miss Phillips (PS/Perm Sec)
Mr Capstick
Mrs Attridge
Mr Cruickshank
Mr Griffiths
Mr Suich
Mr McKinley
Mr Woolfe
Mr M Griffiths
Mr Lawson

cc Mr Bradley.

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