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Good morning,

Thank you for contacting Defra.

We have now entered the pre-election period (which began on 25 May) during which time there are restrictions on Government activity, and Parliament has now been dissolved. Essential business will continue to ensure the smooth functioning of the Government and public services. However, in line with the Civil Service Code and Ministerial Code, the Department will not initiate new activity or comment on future policy.

You may wish to contact us again following the General Election if your query remains outstanding as we have now closed your correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

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