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Subject: Submission of Animal Sentience Committee reports

Dear Librarians,

I am writing to formally deposit three reports produced by the Animal Sentience Committee (ASC) to the collections of both the House of Commons and House of Lords Libraries.

The Animal Sentience Committee was established by the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Act 2022 to furnish accountability to Parliament for consideration of the welfare of sentient animals in Ministerial decisions. The Committee has statutory powers to produce reports containing its views on whether, or to what extent, the Government is having, or has had, all due regard to the ways in which the policy might have an adverse effect on the welfare of animals as sentient beings. As such, these reports are a valuable resource for parliamentarians.

The Government has responded to two of the reports, which were laid as two Unnumbered Act Papers linked to the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Act 2022 on 16 December 2025. The Government response to the 'XL Bullies and the Dangerous Dogs Act report' is due on Monday 13th April 2026 and has therefore not been included here.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you require any further information or clarification.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sue Hayman".

BARONESS HAYMAN OF ULLOCK

MINISTER FOR ANIMAL WELFARE AND BIOSECURITY