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Subject: Prospects for a TB board

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you know bovine TB is one of the most pressing diseases currently facing the cattle farmer industry. In view of the fact that cattle farmers are submitting an annual levy of about £22 million pounds each year, would there not be a case for a TB board to be set up whose job it is to advise farmers?

Farmers see more of a prominent role for certain strategies for tackling TB than do government so the current TB Eradication Group, which exists to advise government ministers, does not fulfil the role of a board which would advise farmers.

Any information on past discussions concerning this, future prospects for such a board to be set up, and if there are prospects, what needs to be done to set up such a board, would be gratefully received.

Yours faithfully,

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From: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
To: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
Sent: 15/09/2014 12:52:17  
Subject: Prospects for a bTB board

Hi xxxxxxxx,

I have been made aware of your recent correspondence with my AHDB colleague xxxxx xxxxxx and I have been asked to forward the comments below which I hope address the point you made.

AHDB are in discussions with the trade associations about creating a one stop shop for evidence based accurate information for the whole industry and work has already started on this project.

AHDB will also be assisting the trade associations in seeking funding for and existing support mechanisms such as the South West TB farm advisory service.

An AHDB/NFU working group is being established to take this work forward.

Historically levy boards have been discouraged from being involved with the TB issue as the debate has been a political one and best handled by trade associations. However there is a knowledge and understanding gap that needs to be corrected and it is accepted that this should be a role for AHDB.

Regards

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