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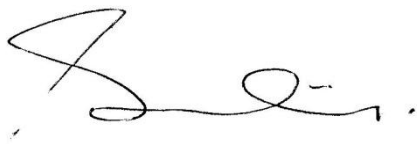
Dear Member,

Welfare of Animals Bill – Consideration Stage debate 2 February 2011

I refer to the above debate in which I inadvertently stated that evidence from Vet NI was supported by of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. I would advise that this was incorrect and that the British Veterinary Association were, in fact, the organisation referred to by Vet NI during the Committee Stage of the Bill. I would apologise if this has caused confusion.

I have advised the Speaker, by letter, of this matter and I have taken measures to ensure that this error on my part is made aware to the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Moutray', written in a cursive style.

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