



The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP  
Prime Minister's Office  
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Dear Prime Minister:

At a reception held in the House of Commons last week, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) shared the news that further tests conducted on ECOPEL's faux bear fur now conclusively show that it meets each and every one of the Ministry of Defence's (MoD) "[five requirements](#)" to replace the use of real bear fur for the Queen's Guard's caps. These requirements were first outlined by the minister for defence procurement on 9 February 2022 but not previously communicated to PETA. In fact, the faux fur outperforms bear fur in terms of durability, user comfort, and sustainability. Please find attached a document outlining these important findings.

The MoD has always maintained that its support of the slaughter of Canadian black bears would end as soon as a suitable alternative was available. That day has now come. ECOPEL stands ready to work with Toye, Kenning & Spencer – the MoD's cap makers – or any other cap maker to make any desired adjustments to the faux fur. Its offer to supply the MoD with unlimited faux bear fur free of charge until 2030 stands.

A [petition](#) in support of PETA's campaign is fast approaching the threshold for triggering a debate in Parliament, and a growing number of MPs are backing our call for humane ceremonial caps. Please honour the commitment made in the Queen's Speech last year that the government would "ensure the UK has, and promotes, the highest standards of animal welfare" by acting on the wishes of the British public, which overwhelmingly – [with a 75% majority](#), according to a new Populus opinion poll – opposes the use of taxpayers' money to fund the pursuits of [trophy hunters](#) overseas, and bringing the superior faux-fur caps into service.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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