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Dear All,

Thank you for your letter of 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 regarding your request for farm veterinary practices to be considered Critical Businesses. I have been asked to respond on behalf of the Secretary of State for Scotland.

The Coronavirus is the biggest challenge this country has faced in decades, and the UK Government is working to a scientifically-led, step-by-step action plan to tackle it. The Prime Minister has been clear that we will take every step that we can to ensure that businesses are protected, that the economy remains strong and that no-one is penalised for doing the right thing.

The UK Government is committed to working closely with the Scottish Government and there has been excellent cooperation between the two Governments to ensure an effective approach to tackling the virus.

Thank you again for your correspondence and please be assured that the UK Government will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that businesses, including farm veterinary practices, are protected.

I have responded in similar terms to the British Veterinary Association.

Yours Sincerely,

**Correspondence Officer**  
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