

# Public Bill Committees - Scrutiny Unit

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## **Programme: Wild Animals in Circuses (No.2) Bill**

The provisional programme of witnesses for the Wild Animals in Circuses (No.2) Bill Committee has been agreed by its Programming Sub-Committee. The Committee will hear oral evidence on Tuesday 21 May. The Committee will further consider the Bill on Wednesday 22 May.

The meetings are open to the public.

<b>Tuesday 21 May at 9.25am in the Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House</b>	
c9.25am until no later than 10.30am	Dr. Ros Clubb, Senior Scientific Manager (Captive Wild Animals), <b>RSPCA</b> ; Daniella Dos Santos, Junior Vice President, <b>British Veterinary Association</b> ; Nicola O'Brien, Campaigns Director, <b>Freedom for Animals</b>
c10.30am until no later than 11.25am	Angie Greenaway, Executive Director, <b>Animal Defenders International</b> ; Dr. Chris Draper, Head of Animal Welfare and Captivity, <b>Born Free Foundation</b> ; and Jordi Casamitjana, Senior Campaign Manager, <b>PETA</b>

<b>Tuesday 21 May at 2.00pm in the Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House</b>	
c2.00pm until no later than 2.45pm	Peter Jolly Snr, <b>Peter Jolly's Circus</b> ; and Carol MacManus, <b>Circus Mondao</b>
c2.45pm until no later than 3.30pm	Mrs Rona Brown, Government Liaison Officer, <b>Circus Guild of Great Britain</b> ; and Martin Lacey Jr., <b>European Circus Association</b>
c3.30pm until no later than 4.00pm	<b>Mr Mike Radford OBE</b> , University of Aberdeen and Chairman of the Circus Working Group

Line by line scrutiny of the Bill (all in Committee Room 12, Palace of Westminster):

Wednesday 22 May 9.25am and 2.00pm
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The Committee must complete consideration of the Bill no later than 5.00pm on Wednesday 22 May. **However, please note that when the Committee reports it is no**

**longer able to receive written evidence and it can report earlier than the expected deadline of 5.00pm on Wednesday 22 May.\***

\* In the last Parliamentary Session, the following Public Bill Committees concluded their consideration of the Bill earlier than scheduled: Criminal Finances, Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts), Health Service Medical Supplies (Costs), Neighbourhood Planning, Savings (Government Contributions), Technical and Further Education, Commonwealth Development Corporation, Children & Social Work, National Citizen Service, and Bus Services.

**The Bill can be viewed on the Parliamentary website:**

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2017-2019/0385/19385.pdf>

**The Explanatory Notes on the Bill are also available:**

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2017-2019/0385/en/19385en.pdf>

**Further details on giving evidence to a public bill committee are available here:**

<http://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons/Scrutiny/giving-evidence-to-PBC.pdf>

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