

Submission RE Exhibited Animals Bill 2015

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My concern relates to the frequency that an animal of a species held must be displayed, a minimum of 900 hours or 12 times a year. This equates to once a month. This does not sound a lot but I can think of a number of situations where it may be difficult to achieve this frequency. A couple of examples are:- (a) A species is required for a show once a year every year. (b) A new species is acquired but the pair of animals acquired is not used to being handled. The aim is to breed the pair, Hand Raise an offspring that would then be comfortable being handled for public viewing. It could take some months or years to breed this offspring and therefore the Demonstrator/Mobile Exhibitor would be in breach of their conditions.

I also feel that if there has to be a minimum number of displays achieved that it is more appropriate for this to be included in Regulations or Code of Practice rather than the Act.

The Department has explained the formula used to come up with these figures and it is subjective. If it proves to be difficult for a number of Licensees to achieve then it will be much harder to make a change to the Act than a Regulation or Code of Practice.

