

## **Ministerial appointment: 17 December 2024**

The King has been pleased to approve the following appointment.

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## **Farmer receives suspended prison sentence for waste offences**

A Leicestershire farmer has been successfully prosecuted for polluting his fields and neighbouring land and for failing to comply with environmental permits.

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## **Net Zero Council**

Government relaunches the Net Zero Council, expanding its membership to include civil society and local government.

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## **Guidance: Bluetongue: get free testing for your animals**

How livestock keepers in a bluetongue zone can get free bluetongue testing for their animals.

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## **2,000 extra sitting days to help**

## address courts crisis

The Lord Chancellor has announced that courts can now sit up to 108,500 days this year, helping to tackle the court backlog.