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## Folketingets Udvalg for Forretningsordenen

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Folketingets Udvalg for Forretningsordenen har den 26. februar 2021 stillet følgende spørgsmål nr. 27 (Alm. del) til sundhedsministeren, som hermed besvares. Spørgsmålet er stillet efter ønske fra Karsten Lauritzen og Sophie Løhde (V).

### Spørgsmål nr. 27:

”Vil ministeren kommentere, at den faglige direktør i SSI, Kåre Mølbak, på et pressemøde den 5. november 2020 sagde, at han tidligere samme dag havde holdt møde med verdenssundhedsorganisationen, WHO, og det europæiske smitteagentur, ECDC – European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, og herfra var beskeden tilsyneladende klar: »De er enige i, at det er det rigtige, Danmark gør«, når ECDC siden har benægtet dette?”

### Svar:

Jeg kan oplyse, at da WHO på et pressemøde den 6. november 2020 blev spurgt direkte til, om det var forhastet (”premature”) at slå alle mink i Danmark ned, svarede WHO følgende:

”The issue in terms of the decision you make whether to cull or not cull is based on a number of things; first of all the extent of that infection in that animal population and the concerns you may have about viral evolution in that animal population, how efficient that particular virus is at spreading within that animal population and how fast it could evolve.

The second is the viral risk management around those facilities and there are many countries in the world and many situations; Peter referred to the pig and poultry farming sector, which have very strict virus security in place to prevent any virus jumping back into humans so when you assess that biorisk and biosecurity measures in place.

Then the third factor in making that decision is the implications for human health in terms of the likelihood of that disease causing more problems back in the human side in terms of severity or transmission or diagnostics.

Those three factors have to be looked at together. It's not one in isolation and the sovereign authority then has to make a determination between its veterinary and its human health authority and what represents the best decision for veterinary health and for human health.

The Danish authorities are looking at all of that evidence, they're making decisions in real time, they're taking strong action and we will continue to work with the scientific community to understand the implications of the findings but in the meantime the Danish authorities have to base their actions on the extent of the virus within that

mink population, the biorisk management available around that population and concerns around any health impact in humans.”

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Med venlig hilsen

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