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Dear Roger

Animal experimentation in Wales 2009

In October, you tabled 10 questions regarding the numbers of scientific procedures on living animals for Wales in 2009.

We have now compiled and checked the information you requested and I attach answers to each of the questions which you have asked overleaf. As far as possible the information requested has been provided. However for some of the questions (or parts thereof), providing answers would be disclosive (i.e. potentially revealing confidential information, relating to either individual project licensees or to individual establishments).

A copy of this letter will be placed in the Library of the House.

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Roger Williams: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department (1) how many regulated procedures under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 were carried out in Wales in 2009; [16533]

The number of scientific procedures on living animals started under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 in Wales in 2009 was 59,906.

(2) how many procedures carried out on animals in Wales under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 involved (a) New World primates and (b) Old World primates in 2009; and what the primary purpose of those procedures were; [16543]

There were no scientific procedures on living animals started under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 in Wales in 2009 using primates.

(3) what the (a) primary purpose and (b) field of research was of each procedure carried out on animals in Wales under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 involving (i) fish, (ii) pigs and (iii) genetically modified animals in 2009; and for what reason there was an increase in the number of procedures carried out on (A) fish, (B) pigs and (C) genetically-modified animals in Wales in 2009 compared to the previous year; [16543]

There were no scientific procedures on living animals started under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 in Wales in 2009 using pigs.

In line with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics (implementing the Statistics and Registration Act 2007), and the National Statistician's guidance 'Confidentiality of Official Statistics', the information requested is not available. Providing the information requested would breach statistical confidentiality relating to individual establishments.

(4) what proportion of procedures regulated under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 carried out in Wales were conducted without anaesthesia in 2009; [16549]

During 2009, in Wales, fifty-eight per cent of the scientific procedures on living animals started under the 1986 Act used no form of anaesthesia.

(5) how many (a) mice, (b) rats, (c) guinea pigs, (d) hamsters, (e) rabbits, (f) horses and other equids, (g) sheep, (h) pigs, (i) birds, (j) amphibians, (k) reptiles, (l) fish, (m) cats, (n) dogs, (o) New World primates and (p) Old World primates were used in procedures conducted in Wales and regulated under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 in 2009; [16550]

There were no scientific procedures on living animals started under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 in Wales in 2009 using hamsters, rabbits, horses and other equids, pigs, reptiles, dogs, New world primates or Old World primates

In line with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics (implementing the Statistics and Registration Act 2007), and the National Statistician's guidance 'Confidentiality of Official Statistics', the other information requested is not available. Providing the information requested would breach statistical confidentiality relating to individual establishments.

(6) how many individual animals were used in procedures regulated under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 in Wales in 2009; [16551]

During 2009, in Wales, there were 58,937 animals used in scientific procedures on living animals started under the 1986 Act.

(7) how many regulated procedures under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 conducted in Wales involved (a) cats, (b) dogs, (c) rabbits, (d) horses and other equids, (e) New World primates and (f) Old World primates which (i) were genetically modified and (ii) had a harmful genetic defect in 2009; [16552]

In 2009 there were no such procedures in Wales nor in Great Britain as a whole (Table 3, Statistics of Scientific Procedures on Living Animals Great Britain 2009, available from the library of the House).

(8) what proportion of regulated procedures under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 conducted in Wales were carried out for (a) fundamental and applied studies other than toxicology and (b) toxicity tests or other safety and efficacy evaluation in 2009; [16553]

Over 99.5 per cent of the scientific procedures on living animals started in 2009 in Wales under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 related to fundamental and applied studies other than toxicology, with the remainder carried out for toxicological or other safety and efficacy evaluation.

(9) what proportion of regulated procedures under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 conducted in Wales were performed in (a) public health laboratories, (b) universities and medical schools, (c) NHS hospitals, (d) Government departments, (e) other public bodies, (f) non-profit making organisations and (g) commercial organisations in 2009; [16554]

Universities and medical schools accounted for ninety-seven per cent of the scientific procedures on living animals started in 2009 in Wales under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986.

In line with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics (implementing the Statistics and Registration Act 2007), and the National Statistician's guidance 'Confidentiality of Official Statistics', the other information requested is not available. Providing the information requested would breach statistical confidentiality relating to individual establishments.

(10) how many (a) genetically modified animals and (b) animals with a harmful genetic defect were used in regulated procedures under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 conducted in Wales in 2009. [16555]

During 2009, in Wales, there were 28,209 genetically modified animals used in scientific procedures on living animals started under the 1986 Act.

In line with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics (implementing the Statistics and Registration Act 2007), and the National Statistician's guidance 'Confidentiality of Official Statistics', the information requested is not available. Providing the information requested would breach statistical confidentiality relating to individual establishments.