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Dear Norman,

Animals in Science Committee: Lessons to be learnt, for duty holders and the regulator, from reviews and investigations into non-compliance

As Chair of the Animals in Science Committee (ASC), I would like to bring to your attention a report produced by my Committee in response to your request of 23 December 2013.

You asked the ASC to review the Home Office's Animals in Science Regulation Inspectorate report, and the independent report by Professor Brown, on the incidents of non-compliance at Imperial College.

The review was carried out by a working group of the main Committee, and has been agreed by the full ASC membership. I attach the final report.

Given, in the ASCs view, that the Brown report covers matters very well from the Imperial College perspective, the findings and subsequent recommendations of the ASC review are informed through evidence gathering and extensive meetings with the Animals in Science Regulation Unit. The review, therefore, predominately focuses more on, and evaluates, the inspection regime both at the time of the non-compliance at Imperial and for the future.

A summary of our recommendations is presented on the final page of the report.

In conducting this review, I am particularly grateful to my fellow working group colleagues for the considerable time and effort they committed in producing this report.

I would also add my thanks to all those who were interviewed in the process of taking forward this review, and the collaborative manner in the way they engaged with ASC colleagues.

Best wishes,



John Landers
Chair, Animals in Science Committee