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Dear Jan,

Thank you for your email dated 13 August to the Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP, copied to myself, regarding the use of animals in scientific research. I am replying as this matter falls within my Ministerial portfolio.

You highlight in your email the work of the National Centre for the Replacement Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research (NC3Rs) which is funded through UK Research and Innovation via their Medical Research Council and Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council.

The NC3Rs works nationally and internationally to drive the uptake of replacement, refinement and reduction technologies and ensure that advances in the 3Rs are reflected in policy, practice and regulations on animal research. The NC3Rs has invested £67million in research.

I would also highlight that there are advances in science and technologies that are providing new opportunities to reduce reliance on the use of animals in research and to avoid some of the scientific limitations of animal models of human diseases that you flag in your email.

Thank you again for your email. I hope my response is useful and finds you well.

Your sincerely,

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