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**QUESTIONS ANSWERED:**

**1. Background: the use of animals in research**

**ANSWER:**

I am happy to with the use of animals in research under existing safeguards and restriction.

**2. Genetically modified animals**

**ANSWER:**

I am happy with the use of genetically modified animals in research under existing safeguards and restrictions.

**3. Alternatives**

**ANSWER:**

Alternatives must be used when ever these enable the objectives of the research can be achieved as effectively as with animal experiments and at no greater cost.

**4. Ethical issues**

**ANSWER:**

I think these are well rehearsed and appreciated by all concerned and that the current safeguards which are in place are appropriate.

**5. The regulations**

**ANSWER:**

I think these provide insufficient protection for those individuals and companies involved in anial research within the current franework. They also fail to protect, support or finance companies which have clients involved in animal experiments. If these regulations become more restrictive, I believe they will significatly damage medical/pharmaceutical research and development in the UK. This will lead to a loss of competitive advantage and will damage investment, employment and export earnings

**6: Providing information to the public**

**ANSWER:**

Individulas and companies must be protected from the msiuse of information availabale to the public on animal experiments. Until extremists can be effectively controlled I see a need to protect the identity of individuals and maintain the security of commercially sensitive details on animal experiments.