

## 8174 - Agriculture - ANIMAL RESEARCH

Hurst, Emma to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales

- (1) These questions relate to document b(072) titled "Production Animal Pathology for NSW Field Veterinarians course", which was produced in response to an order for papers made on 12 May 2021 relating to animals used in research. The document discloses that "3 of the 12 sheep were used in another research project being conducted on the same day involving the delivery of an inhalant" and "The sheep inhalation project carried out on the same day at [privileged] using 3 of the sheep that were then used in the course, also appears to have been done without AEC approval..." In respect to this "sheep inhalation" project, can the Minister please advise:
- (a) What research was being conducted on the sheep?
    - (i) What was the nature of the research being conducted on the sheep?
    - (ii) What substances were being tested on the sheep?
    - (iii) What was the purpose of the research?
    - (iv) What are the dates the research was conducted?
  - (b) Can the Minister please confirm that the institutions involved in the unauthorised research were the University of Sydney, the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation and/or Charles Sturt University?
  - (c) Have proceedings been commenced, or penalties imposed, against any of the institutions involved with this sheep inhalation research that was conducted without animal ethics approval?
    - (i) If so, please provide details?
    - (ii) If not, why not?

## Answer -

- (1)
- (a) The research is described on page 3 of privileged document (b)117 that was produced on 12 October 2021 in response to Standing Order 52 Animal Research (1185).
    - (i) The research is described on page 3 of privileged document (b )117 that was produced on 12 October 2021 in response to Standing Order 52 Animal Research (1185).
    - (ii) The research is described on page 3 of privileged document (b )117 that was produced on 12 October 2021 in response to Standing Order 52 Animal Research ( 1185).
    - (iii) The research is described on page 3 within privileged document (b )117 that was produced on 12 October 2021 in response to Standing Order 52 Animal Research (1185).
    - (iv) 13 November 2017.
  - (b) The institutions involved are identified on page 6 of privileged document (b )072 that was produced on 2 June 2021 in response to Standing Order 52 Animal Research ( 1185).
  - (c)
    - (ii) No. The Animal Research Act 1985 does not provide an offence against an institution for this conduct. However, the relevant institutions did take action to prevent similar incidents occurring in the future.

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