

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

Topic:

INQUIRY INTO USE OF PRIMATES AND OTHER ANIMALS IN MEDICAL RESEARCH IN NEW SOUTH WALES – Hearing 1 June 2022

QUESTION ON NOTICE

The Hon. EMMA HURST: One experiment that has been flagged as controversial in some of the submissions and by witnesses in this inquiry as the nose-only smoke model or smoking towers. Does the NHMRC fund any of these experiments?

Answer:

There are 9 active NHMRC grants where the funded project includes the use of animals in smoke inhalation experiments for research to develop and test treatments for asthma, emphysema or lung cancer or to understand the mechanisms of chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases.

As with all NHMRC-funded research, research involving animals must be approved by an animal ethics committee before it can commence (as a condition of funding). Ongoing compliance with state and territory legislation and the *Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes* is also a requirement of NHMRC funding.