

Answers to questions on notice

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Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health, Use of primates and other animals in medical
research in New South Wales inquiry, Hearing, 1 June 2022.**

Question:

The Hon. CHRIS RATH: Professor Dunn and Dr Hawthorne, any views you might have on the forced swim test and the smoke inhalation, any ethical concerns compared to the medical research benefits?

Answer:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the hearing today. Regarding the question to Western Sydney University on the forced swim test, Western Sydney University and its Animal Ethics Committee has not had any discussions around the ethics, merit nor validity of the Forced Swim Test to date. Thus, we cannot offer a comprehensive or balanced view on this experimental procedure. Similarly for nose-only smoke exposure experiments, this has not been discussed by the committee, nor has it reviewed any projects that employ this experimental procedure.

Cheers

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