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Dear Ms Hellier,

Thank you for your letter of 13 April, regarding your suggestion to accelerate the uptake of non-animal methods in scientific research and testing, which I read with interest.

The Government recognises that scientific research using animals plays an important part in our understanding of how biological systems work in health and disease. Research using animals supports important scientific discoveries, enabling drug discovery, development and the pipeline of new medicines.

However, the Government is also clear that animals must be protected. The legal framework in the UK ensures that animals are only ever used in science where there are no alternatives, where the number of animals used is the minimum needed to achieve the scientific benefit, where the potential harm to animals is limited to that needed to achieve the scientific benefit.

I have passed your correspondence on to my ministerial colleagues in the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

With every good wish,

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