

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1958/06
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to the Commission

Subject: Laboratory on South Parks Road, Oxford, UK

Could the Commission confirm whether the proposed laboratory on South Parks Road, Oxford, England is or will be in receipt of EU funding either for the building or maintenance of the laboratory? Does the Commission expect EU-funded research projects - either those in progress or those for which funding is likely to be granted in the future- to be carried out in the laboratory?

If so, could the Commission explain why EU funds are being used to support a laboratory carrying out animal testing, given the Commission's own stated commitment to supporting the 3Rs principle: replacement, reduction and refinement alternative approaches to animal testing?