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From Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP, Chair

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Dear Mr Courtney,

Research integrity

Thank you for your letter regarding the Science and Technology Committee's recent Report on research integrity, which Graham Brady MP forwarded to me as requested last week.

The Committee is not in a position to pursue individual cases relating to research integrity, and your written submission to the research integrity inquiry was rejected on that basis in February.

The Committee's central recommendation in its Report is that a new body should be created to oversee research integrity in the UK, and to provide a check on university investigations into academic misconduct. The logic behind this was to improve confidence in the system of self-regulation, so that accusations of improper processes within university investigations—such as yours—can be effectively considered. The House of Commons Science and Technology Committee itself is not in a position to take on this role, and does not intend to take up your case.

Complaints about the work of UKRIO should be directed to UKRIO itself and its Trustees.

The Committee does not intend to withdraw its Report on research integrity, as you request.

Yours sincerely,

Norman Lamb

Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP
Chair