

MEDIA RELEASE

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Primate experiments – finally exposed!

The Senate Enquiry on the Bill to ban the importation of primates for research has succeeded in finally drawing out vivisectors to reveal what they are doing to primates in Australia.

The issue has been shrouded in secrecy for far too long. Highly invasive primate experiments are largely funded by Australian taxpayers – as are the breeding facilities – through the National Health and Medical Research Council. HRA therefore welcomes the recent opinion articles in the media as such exposure throws the issue out into the court of public opinion.

Many of the claims are misleading however, and HRA has addressed these in their rebuttal (see <u>here</u>).

Let the discussion begin. Let's talk openly about what is happening to our closest relatives and decide once and for all whether it is ethical and scientifically-valid, or whether there are in fact more relevant and efficient methods of research leading to more expeditious human medical advancement.