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1	Thursday, 27 April 2023	1	it's very important that, if you are going to settle the
2	(10.30 am)	2	proceedings, you do so willingly and without feeling
3	(Proceedings delayed)	3	pressurised into doing it.
4	(10.34 am)	4	Now, what we're doing today $$ what I was going to
5	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: I think that Ms Jaffray wants to	5	propose, subject to hearing what Ms Bolton suggests, is
6	address me.	6	that you $$ we have the witnesses today. I don't know,
7	MS BOLTON: My Lord, yes.	7	were you planning on asking them some questions?
8	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Ms Jaffray, hello. You're on mute at	8	MS JAFFRAY: I was, but I haven't even looked through the
9	the minute.	9	statements that I wanted to cross—examine them on.
LO	MS JAFFRAY: Can you hear me now?	10	I just $$ I can't get my head round any of it.
L1	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: I can, thank you very much.	11	MS BOLTON: My Lord, if I may just interject. There is one
L2	MS JAFFRAY: Good morning. I just wanted to speak for	12	point. Ms Jaffray has had the offer in the past, it's
L3	a minute, if that's okay.	13	not a different offer, and she has formally rejected it
L4	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Go on then.	14	in the past. We're quite happy to agree(?), but just so
L5	MS JAFFRAY: So last night, completely overwhelmed by the	15	the court is aware, that's not a last-minute offer that
L6	amount of work and time that I had to put into the	16	Ms Jaffray has just found. It has been made previously
L7	trial, I sat all evening surrounded by paperwork but	17	so she will have had some time to reflect on it.
L8	I have so many other issues going on at the moment. So	18	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: But it's perfectly apparent to me,
L9	coincidentally I looked in my spam email folder to find	19	Ms Bolton, that Ms Jaffray is not $$ she's quite upset
20	something and saw many more emails from MBR that hadn't	20	by this.
21	actually $$ hadn't come to my inbox so I hadn't seen	21	MS BOLTON: Yes.
22	them. One of them was offering a settlement, so I was	22	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: I would ordinarily be concerned that
23	talking to $$	23	somebody was $$ in any circumstance where that was
24	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Just pause for a moment. The	24	apparent to me, I would want the litigant to go away and
25	communications that you have with MBR's solicitors in	25	think about things and then come back.
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1	relation to settlement may be covered by privilege.	1	MS BOLTON: Yes.
2	MS BOLTON: My Lord, they were open offers.	2	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: The problem is we haven't got a lot of
3	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. Okay. Carry on. That's fine,	3	time for going away and thinking about things. We've
4	Ms Jaffray.	4	got to get on with the trial .
5	MS JAFFRAY: Okay. So if that option is still there for me	5	Ms Jaffray, Mr Curtin will have questions for the
6	to take, because I've got so many other things going on	6	witnesses today.
7	right now, I would like to take it. I don't know how	7	MS JAFFRAY: Yes.
8	Mr Curtin is still standing, to be honest with you,	8	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: You'll be able to listen to the
9	because I know he's got a lot of stresses on top of	9	questions he asks. By all means note down anything that
L0	this. It doesn't change my opinion with how I view	10	occurs to you. If you want to, you can simply adopt the
L1	MBR Acres and the part it plays in society, but I don't	11	cross—examination that he has conducted because
L2	feel that I can give it my best shot at all.	12	I suspect, in many respects, you and he will share
L3	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Ms Jaffray, it's ultimately a matter	13	a similar position in relation to what you want to
L4	for you. I'm slightly concerned from the way that	14	challenge by way of the witness evidence. So if you
L5	you're presenting this morning that you may be	15	just make a few notes while Mr Curtin is
L6	overwhelmed by all of this and you haven't got the	16	cross—examining, they may prompt you to ask similar
L7	benefit of advice and representation and I don't want	17	questions yourself or you may say, "I'd like to adopt
	you to feel forced into a settlement that you may regret	18	Mr Curtin's cross—examination" or "I'd like to ask the
L8		1.0	same questions".
L 8 L 9	later, so ideally I would like to give you time to think	19	
L9	about things and to make a decision. I'm pretty	20	MS JAFFRAY: Okay.
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	about things and to make a decision. I'm pretty	20	MS JAFFRAY: Okay.
L9 20 21	about things and to make a decision. I'm pretty confident Ms Bolton will tell me if I'm wrong about	20 21	MS JAFFRAY: Okay. MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: I will make a note myself and I know

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that has contributed to significant pressures on you.

you have been in any way pushed into a settlement and  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$ 

1	It's very important that you $$ if you do take the step	1	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: I'm not sure I have anything. I've got
2	of resolving the proceedings on the basis that you've	2	your email that was sent to the court at 12.23 this
3	been offered by the claimants, that you do so having	3	morning but I've not had something since then.
4	thought about it calmly and reached a settled	4	MR CURTIN: I've sent one to Mrs —
5	conclusion; all right? So I would be happy for you to	5	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Oh, here it is.
6	think about that overnight ——	6	MS BOLTON: Can I understand what paragraph this evidence
7	MS JAFFRAY: Thank you.	7	goes to, please? Can I just clarify that, please?
8	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: —— and you can communicate with my	8	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: I've got it. Mr Curtin, what paragraph
9	clerk and we can look at things then.	9	did you read from?
10	MS JAFFRAY: Yes, thank you.	10	MR CURTIN: 87.
11	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: All right?	11	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Of which witness statement?
12	MS JAFFRAY: Yes.	12	MR CURTIN: Susan Pressick's 20th witness statement.
13	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay. Right. Ms Bolton.	13	MS BOLTON: My Lord, something is going wrong with my
14	MS BOLTON: My Lord, I call the claimants' first witness,	14	bundle. Apologies, my Lord. I just need to go to the
15	Ms Susan Pressick.	15	right page.
16	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Thank you.	16	My Lord, I'm not
17	MR CURTIN: Can we do a little bit of housekeeping first?	17	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Mr Curtin, do you have copies of thos
18	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Go on.	18	documents?
19	MR CURTIN: I presented some documents overnight and I just	19	MR CURTIN: Yes.
20	presented some documents literally ten minutes ago,	20	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Enough for you and the witness?
21	which I gather is outrageous but I didn't want to pull	21	MR CURTIN: Hard copies, I have not, no.
		22	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay. Nizana, can you print out the
22 23	any rabbits out of the hat. It's a simple point. It's	23	?
	basically some BBC articles from protests relating to		
24	Bantin & Kingman back in 2009/2010. I refer you to	24	MR CURTIN: I'd like to think this won't happen again
25	paragraph 87 of Susan Pressick's statement, when she	25	because I've got now time. I'm on it. I'm on the case.
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1	says:	1	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Mr Curtin, don't worry about it. In
2	"Prior to late June 2021, I had not experienced any	2	many respects I admire any litigant in person who tries
3	protests at the B&K Hull Site, save for a minor protest	3	to defend themselves and you are unfamiliar. I don't
4	at some point in 2013"	4	suppose you've ever cross—examined a witness before.
5	The BBC articles, there's five of them, and I'm not	5	MR CURTIN: No.
6	going to be exploring —— except to say that they	6	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: So it's just these little practical
7	happened ——	7	things which —— because you're going to ask the witness
8	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: That sounds all right to me. Ms Bolton	8	about a document —— I know this because I've been doing
9	will —— essentially carry on. Ms Bolton may object. If	9	this for half a lifetime —— you have to provide copies
10	she has a reason to object, she will raise that	10	so the witness can see what you're referring to. It's
11	objection with me and then we'll take stock; all right?	11	as simple as that. That's fine.
12	But at the moment it seems to me legitimate because you	12	If you need documents produced in order to ask
13	pointed to the paragraph of Ms Pressick's witness	13	a witness questions, if you aren't able to print them
14	statement that the question arises from. If you have	14	out yourself, just make sure that you send a copy to my
15	material which you want to ask Ms Pressick about in	15	clerk beforehand and we'll do our best to make sure that
16	light of what she said in her statement, that's fine.	16	we can provide copies in court.
17	That's the process of cross—examination.	17	MR CURTIN: I will.
18	MR CURTIN: If I may apologise with the same apology that	18	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: All right?
19	I've attached every single apology that — pathetic,	19	MR CURTIN: Yes, thank you.
20	overwhelming, but I'm trying.	20	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay, Ms Bolton, I think we're ready.
	5 5	21	
21 22	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: That's fine.	22	MS BOLTON: My Lord, in that case, I'll call our first
23	MS BOLTON: My Lord, I would be grateful but I don't have it . I have the flight manifest that Mr Curtin wishes to	23	witness, Susan Pressick.  MS SUSAN PRESSICK (sworn)
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24	rely upon, which I got this morning, but I don't have	24	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Ms Pressick, feel free to sit down or
25	this latest one.	25	stand, whichever you'll feel more comfortable with.

- 1 A. Thank you.
- 2 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Please keep your voice up. It's a very
- 3 big courtroom and everyone needs to hear; all right?
- 4 A. Okay, yes.
- Examination-in-chief by MS BOLTON 5
- MS BOLTON: Ms Pressick, can you please tell the court your 6 7 full name and your work address?
- A. It's Susan Pressick and I work at B&K Universal at 8 9 Grimston, Hull.
- Q. Thank you. Ms Pressick, you have some bundles there --10
- 11 my Lord, I'm going to take Ms Pressick to the witness
- 12 statement that's in the persons unknown bundle because 13 it's the only complete version of the witness statement.
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay. 14
- 15 MS BOLTON: Ms Pressick, if you could turn to volume 2 of
- 16 the persons unknown bundle, please, and if you could
- 17 turn to page 445, please -- it's right at the front of
- 18 that bundle. I believe.
- 19 A. Yes
- 20  $Q. \ --$  if you can turn through to page 446, you'll see
- 2.1 "Twentieth Witness Statement of Susan Pressick", and if
- 22 you turn through the pages to page 608, you'll get to
- 2.3 the end of that witness statement, and then from 608
- 2.4 to 960 the exhibits referred to in that witness
- statement.

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. If I could ask you, please --
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay, sorry, I'm not in the right 3
- bundle. What's the ...?
- 5 MS BOLTON: It should be volume 2 of the persons unknown
- trial bundles, my Lord. 6
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right, okay. Got it. Thank you. 7
- 8 MS BOLTON: It starts at the beginning of the bundle.
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Got it. 9
- 10 MS BOLTON: Ms Pressick, if you could turn to the page with
- 11 your signature, please -- it's page 608 --
- A. Yes. 12
- 13  $\mathsf{Q}.\ --\ \mathsf{you'll}$  see there's a statement of truth for the
- 14 witness statement.
- 15 A Yes
- 16 Q. Is that statement still true to the best of your
- 17 knowledge and belief?
- 18 A. Yes. it is.
- 19 Q. Ms Pressick, I'm not going to ask you any further
- 2.0 questions on your witness statement but Mr Curtin has
- 21 provided a flight shipment manifest from -- which
- 2.2 I believe was obtained. He'll correct me if I'm
- 23 wrong —— from a Freedom of Information Act request to

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- 2.4 the Danish Government. Do you have a copy of that?
- A. No, I haven't. 25

MR CURTIN: I actually have.

- MS BOLTON: Can I hand a copy of that up and hand a copy up
- 3 to the court, please? (Handed)
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: You're going to have to have very good 4 5
  - evesight for this.
- MS BOLTON: Ms Pressick, first of all, where would dogs for 6
  - the purpose of medical research in this country come
- 8 from if MBR Acres wasn't operating in the UK?
- 9 A. They would have to come from our parent company in 10 the US
- 11 Q. And could your parent company provide the dogs for the
- 12 purpose of medical research in this country?
- 13 No, not the quantity, no.
- 14 Q. Why not?

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- 15 A. Because our breed in the UK tries to meet the supply,
- 16 the Envigo facility in the US was closed due to
- 17 different issues in the US, so we are the only supplier
- 18 of beagles.
- 19 Q. Why could they not just simply increase the supply from
- 20 the US?
- 21 A. Why could they not fly? Sorry?
- 2.2 Q. Why could they not just ship the dogs from the US?
- 2.3 Because of welfare, because of transfer of dogs would be
- 2.4 difficult and the quantities of the dogs would be very
- 2.5 difficult to achieve.

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- 1  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Q}}.$  What Mr Curtin has provided here, to take you through
- 2 it, it suggests that -- if we look at -- well, first of
- 3 all, if we look at 1.31, further into it, we can see
- that the nature of what is being shipped appears to be
- 5 dogs
- 6 A. Hmm-hmm.
- 7 Q. If we go to the beginning of the document, we can see
- 8 that they're being exported from the US. Then we see,
- 9 in the first line at 1.4, the country name is Denmark
- 10 and the consignment and importer is Envigo in the UK.
- We can see that the date of that, if we look further on 11
- 12 in the document, would appear to be around -- well,
- 13 somewhere in the first half of 2022, it refers to
- 14 a decision date, so I'm assuming that might be the day
- when it's requested. Could Envigo do that today? Could 15
- 16 it ship dogs from the US?
- A. No, because it would be -- I doubt it would be Marshall 17
- 18 dogs. It would have been their own dogs when they were
- 19 in business before, I think August/September time on
- 2.0 2022
- 21 MR CURTIN: Is there --
- 2.2 MS BOLTON: No, sorry, I'm asking the witness questions.
- Are Envigo in the US able to ship dogs to the UK 23
- 2.4
- 2.5 A. No, not to my knowledge, no.

- 1 Q. Looking at the other shipments -- and we can see that
- 2 we've got three in 2022, amounts 4, 4 and 35, why would
- they have come from the US when there's a breeding facility in the UK?
- $5\,$   $\,$  A. It may be that the shortfall or the specific range of
- dogs wouldn't have met our supply and the customer would choose to go to the US.
- 8 Q. But if the US wanted to supply all of the dogs to those
- 9 customers for the UK, would that be achievable? 10 A. There's a short -- yes, but it depends on the shortfall
  - which -- since August 2022, for the whole of the US and
- Europe, that supply is strained sometimes and difficult
- to manage and it may be that the customer has moved their selection as well.
- $15\,$   $\,$  Q. So, to be clear, Ms Pressick, if MBR shut down -- so we
- $16 \hspace{1cm} \text{see a limited number of dogs here on this manifest to be} \\$
- $17\,$  shipped from the US to the UK. Let's put aside welfare
- 18 concerns which -- you've given evidence of one of the
- 19 reasons why you wouldn't do this. Putting aside welfare
- 20 reasons, if MBR closed down tomorrow, would the US be
- $21 \qquad \text{ able to provide all the requirements for medical} \\$
- 22 research in the UK in the context of sending dogs from
- 23 the US to the UK?
- 24 A. No, there would be a huge shortfall to the UK.
- Q. If we look at 2023, again we see 128 shipments from the

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- 1 US -- dogs shipped from the US to the UK; yes?
- 2. A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Do you see that?
- 4 A. Hmm-hmm.
- 5 Q. So you see that's the last four entries on the manifest?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Why would they have happened?
- 8 A. Between the customers, they may transfer their own
- 9 shipments and locations and we would have transferred 10 dogs to our supply for their needs.
- 11 Q. Again, how many dogs would come from the US to the UK in 12 a year?
- 13 A. Because of the problem last year with Envigo, other than
- $14\,$   $\,$  that it's very few dogs, very few shipments, a very low
- number. I would have to check the number but the
- percentage is very low.
- $17\,$   $\,$  Q. You've given evidence that the US couldn't meet those
- demands, but, even if it could, would there be any other
- reason that this wouldn't be desirable?
- $20\,$   $\,$  A. The transfers would be a problem. The logistics, the
- $21\,$   $\,$  management and the delay to the UK study, customer
- impact, would be a lot bigger.
- $23\,$   $\,$  Q. Why are there breeding facilities in the UK? Why has
- 24 Marshall come to the UK?
- $25\,$   $\,$  A. It was established in the UK to meet the UK demand with

1 less stress for the dogs and to keep a local UK supply.

- 2 MS BOLTON: Ms Pressick, if you could wait there, there may
- 3 be some further questions.
  - Cross—examination by MR CURTIN
- 5 MR CURTIN: So your employer is Bantin & Kingman?
- ${\bf 6}$   $\,$  A. My employer is Marshalls. Bantin & Kingman is the
  - company that I worked for, so Marshall —-
- 8 Q. You don't work for Bantin & Kingman?
- 9 A. Bantin & Kingman was sold to Marshalls many years ago.
- 10 Q. Okay.

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- 11 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Just so that we're clear, you get paid.
- 12 Which company pays you?
- 13 A. Marshalls
- 14 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right.
- $15\,$   $\,$  MR CURTIN: Would there be any chance -- after I've finished
- speaking to the witness -- a possibility of calling her
- 17 back? I can ask.
- 18 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: You can ask. You'll need to show me
- and Ms Bolton what questions you would want the witness
- 20 to answer.
- 21 MR CURTIN: Okay.
- So your wages are paid by Marshall Farm Group
- 23 Limited?
- 24 A Yes
- 25 Q. They also own the companies -- is B&K Star(?) owned by

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- 1 Marshall Group B&K Star, Yorkshire Evergreen,
- 2 Marshall Farms Group Limited, Marshall Farms Group
- 3 International -- are you aware of these companies?
- 4 A. Is that —— is there a reason for connecting them, the 5 companies?
- 6 Q. Yes, I'm trying to because this injunction is made
- 7 against MBR. You don't work for MBR, you work for the
- $8\,$  parent company of MBR, so I'm just trying to work out
- 9 what authority you have to speak on behalf of MBR. You
- $10\,$  have no authority really to speak for MBR, would you
- 11 say?
- 12 A. I've been given authority to speak on behalf of MBR. My
- duties overlap and in my statement it refers to the
- 14 senior directors giving me authority to speak on behalf
- 15 of MBR.
- 16 Q. Sorry, but when you carry out work on behalf of MBR,
- which we'll come to in a minute, who pays your wages?
- For working for MBR, who pays your wages?
- 19 A. Marshalls. Marshalls own MBR Acres. Marshalls own
- 20 B&K Universal. Marshalls pay my wages.
- 21 Q. Okay. I'm just trying to establish whether you have any
- 22 authority to speak here at all on behalf of MBR. It's
- 23 a genuine question
- 24 A. Yes, and it describes it in my witness statement.
- $25\,$  Q. But you're not here voluntarily . You're being paid to

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1	come today. Are MBR Acres paying your wages? It's	1	whether this witness is able to talk on behalf of
2	not $$ it's not an outlandish question. I'm just trying	2	MBR Acres. I am not sure what capacity because $$ the
3	to establish who you are.	3	boss of her company, "Could you do this for me on behalf
4	A. Sorry, I'm	4	of another?", that's what I'm trying to establish here.
5	MS BOLTON: My Lord, it's in the witness statement,	5	I'm not trying to pull any
6	paragraph 2. Ms Pressick has explained this. Mr Curtin	6	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, the companies are in the same
7	should direct $$ if he's challenging what Ms Pressick	7	group; in other words $$ so in the United Kingdom, as
8	says, he should challenge it from her witness statement.	8	I understand it, there are two companies, at least, so
9	MR CURTIN: Yes, okay. No problem.	9	you have MBR Acres, the first claimant, and
10	"I am employed by the Third Claimant"	10	B&K Universal, the third claimant. Ms Pressick works
11	To me, I just find it quite irregular because I want	11	for the third claimant, but, because of the overlap in
12	to ask you questions about MBR Acres $$	12	their work, she has a responsibility between the two
13	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, just following up that point, I'm	13	companies albeit that she's employed by the third
14	a little bit ——	14	claimant.
15	MS BOLTON: Sorry, also, I should —— just to assist	15	MR CURTIN: Okay. Maybe I could make some I'm still
16	Mr Curtin, obviously in paragraph 43 on this area	16	rather confused, but let's go on. Let's go to
17	there's more detail.	17	paragraph 35 of your witness statement. Do you see
18	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Let's just concentrate on that first	18	that?
19	sentence, which is "I am employed by the Third	19	A. Yes, I've got it.
20	Claimant". Ms Pressick ——	20	Q. "I understand from my role with the business and my role
21	A. Yes.	21	as the Establishment Licence Holder for both the Wyton
22	Q. — I'm slightly confused as to the nature of your	22	Site and the B&K Hull Site, that it is a legal
23	employment status if your actual wages are paid by	23	requirement that all potential new medicines intended
24	another company.	24	for human use are tested in two species of mammal before
25	A. They're paid by B&K Universal which Marshalls —— I'm	25	they are given to volunteers"
23	A. They re paid by B&R Oniversal which warshalls —— Thi	23	they are given to volunteers
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1	contracted with and I'm paid by Marshalls' own company	1	Now, "Establishment Licence Holder", that's quite
2	that manage my contract and my payroll.	2	a responsible position, isn't it?
3	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. Sorry, I'm a little bit	3	A. It is.
4	confused. Are you paid by more than one company?	4	Q. You are the person directly responsible for running the
5	A. No.	5	establishment, staying within the law. It's
6	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: So the company that pays your wages is	6	
7	Marshalls. What's its official title?	7	a responsibility , isn't it , given by the Home Office —— A. Yes.
8	A. Marshall BioResources are a trading name of	8	Q. — so you should have some good understanding. Could
9	B&K Universal of MBR Acres, so the official limited	9	you tell me —— you say you understand that "it's a legal
10	company at Companies House is B&K Universal, and	10	requirement that all potential new medicines".
11	likewise MBR Acres, that are registered at	11	Could you refer me under which law $$ if it's a legal
12	B&K Universal's address. So that's the connection as	12	requirement, there must be a law that insists that the
13	well.	13	dogs that you breed are experimented on. That's what
14	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: So when you talk about being paid by	14	you're saying here. There's a legal requirement. Could
15	Marshalls, that's a rather loose way of saying that this	15	you point me to the law, please?
16	is the company within the brand?	16	MS BOLTON: My Lord, that's in the other $$ it's in
17	A. Yes.	17	Ms Jarrett's statement ——
18	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right, okay.	18	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: I know it is, but that's a legitimate
19	A. Yes.	19	question for him to ask. Ms Pressick is stating in her
20	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: So Ms Pressick is employed by B&K, the	20	evidence so Mr Curtin is entitled to ask the question.
21	third claimant ——	21	MS BOLTON: My Lord, okay.

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MR CURTIN: Could you --

legislation is?

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MR CURTIN: Yes, I understand that fully. I am challenging

MR JUSTICE NICKLIN:  $\,--\,$  which is, as you know, part of the

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MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Do you know what the relevant

 $25\,$   $\,$  A. The legislation is the Animals (Scientific Procedures)

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MR CURTIN: Yes.

group structure.

1 Act. The legislation for licences to carry out new 2 medicines is under the licences provided by the 3 Home Office to those parties that carry out potential 3 4 drug development. 4 5 Q. Ah, the Home Office can go and license ... I'm asking 5 you. You're telling me it's a legal requirement. Under 6 6 which law? You're telling me "We have to do the 7 7 experiment, we have to do that". I'm asking a very 8 8 9 simple question as a project licence holder: tell me 9 10 about the law. You're telling me it's legally required 10 11 tell me ... 11 12 12 A. My legal requirements under the establishment licence 13 holder is to breed animals -- under the Scientific 13 14 Procedures Act to provide animals for development 14 15 research. That's what my statement is describing. 15 Q. Yes, so you're given a licence to breed animals? 16 16 17 17 A. Yes. ves. 18 Q. But on your statement here -- and maybe you're 18 19 mistaken -- vou said: 19 2.0 "... it is a legal requirement that all potential 2.0 21 new medicines intended for human use are tested in two 21 species ... ' 22

A. It is a legal requirement and --

1 you for the specific . You are the project holder, you are the person who direct --2

3 MS BOLTON: Can we just be calm in the way we question a witness, please? My Lord, this witness has given

 $\ensuremath{\text{I}}\xspace$  'm asking you for the law on that, please.

Q. Stop, please. I know -- you keep saying. I'm asking

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5 evidence that it's her knowledge as a licence holder.

6 She is not a lawyer. I do think that this isn't

7 a question for this witness. All she is saying is, "My

8 knowledge as a licence holder is this is what's

9 required". That's expressly her evidence.

10 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: I know that and he's asking what the 11 legal requirement she's referring to is.

12 MS BOLTON: And she's answered him with reference to the piece of legislation . Mr Curtin saying, "Which 13 14 section?", that's not for this witness. She's explained

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MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, if she doesn't know what the 16 17 section is, she can say so.

18 MS BOLTON: My Lord, I simply flag that I think she's being 19 asked something which is outside what she's giving 2.0 evidence of. That's all.

21 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: No, no, that's not the ...

Okay, so that we're clear about the parameters of asking questions, the cross-examination of a witness is not circumscribed by the parameters of the witness' evidence --

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MS BOLTON: I appreciate that.

MR JUSTICE NICKLIN:  $\,--\,$  so Mr Curtin is entitled to probe

that which arises from her statement. He is asking

a question of whether Ms Pressick actually knows what

the source of the legal requirement that she's referred

to in the statement is. That is a legitimate question. MS BOLTON: My Lord, I will -- I simply say that that's the

limits of I think what the witness is saying in her

witness statement.

MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, then let -- I'm perfectly

confident that Ms Pressick is able to speak for herself on that point.

MS BOLTON: I'll sit down. Apologies, my Lord.

MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right, Ms Pressick, let me help you if

I can. In your statement you have said that there is

"a legal requirement that all potential new medicines

intended for human use are tested in two species of

mammal before they are given to human volunteers in

clinical trials". Mr Curtin's question is: do you know

where that legal requirement comes from, to test

medicines intended for human use on two species of

22 mammal before they're given to human volunteers?

2.3 A. The legal requirement comes from the Home Office. The

2.4 detail of it, I wouldn't know all the depths of that

2.5 licence.

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1 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right.

MR CURTIN: I see that as woefully inadequate --

3 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: No, that's a comment, Mr Curtin. What

you can't do is comment on the witness' answers. If you

5 want to say something about what you say is

6 Ms Pressick's inability to identify the legal

7 requirement she's talked about, that's something you say

8 in a speech to me later. You don't criticise the

9 witness whilst she's in the witness box; all right?

MR CURTIN: Okay, I was only doing it -- she is the project 11 licence holder and she should know these things --

12 that's all -- as a competent person.

MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay. 13

14 MR CURTIN: Are you aware of section 5(c) of ASPA? It

15 relates to special protection of animals. You should

16 know this. Okay, I'll guide you. Dogs are classed

17 as  $\,--$  dogs, cats, horses and monkeys have special

18 protection.

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A. Protection, yes. 19

2.0 Q. Under that section, it gives dogs, which your company

21 breeds, special protection in that experiments in this

country cannot be done on a dog if another species is

23 available. Are you aware of that?

2.4 Yes, but to answer that clearly, that is again at the

25 testing and the licence for testing. We are an animal

1		breeder, which our licence $$ our establishment is	1	the plans?
2		licensed for; breeding ——	2	A. They put in an application for larger buildings.
3	Q.	I know that.	3	Q. A number of applications that went through a whole
4	Α.	—— and not for experimental.	4	series —— you ended up in the High Court and a judicial
5		But are you aware of section 5(c), that dogs have	5	review. I'm talking seven/eight years of high profile
6	•	a special protection and dogs should not be used in this	6	protests as evidenced in the BBC. I'd call that a bit
7		country if another species can be used? Are you aware	7	more than a minor protest.
8		of that?	8	MS BOLTON: We're being provided evidence about years worth
9	Δ	Yes.	9	of planning appeals. Where is it?
10		You're aware of that, okay.	10	MR CURTIN: The thousands —— I can ask the witness.
11	Q.	-	11	MS BOLTON: No, the witness needs to be put to the documents
		You state in — early on here, you have stated that — I'll come to the position in a minute.		·
12		•	12	that provide all of this. I'm sorry, but this is just
13		Could you go to paragraph 87?	13	an article talking about a protest.
14		Yes.	14	MR CURTIN: It is. Can I have a two—minute adjournment?
15	Q.	"Prior to late June 2021, I had not experienced any	15	MS BOLTON: My Lord, my point is, if we're going to put
16		protests at the B&K Hull site, save for a minor protest	16	evidence in about seven planning appeals, judicial
17		at some point in 2013, which occurred in response to	17	reviews, where is it, because just saying all of this
18		a planning application made by B&K to increase the size	18	happened isn't helpful.
19		of the facilities"	19	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Ms Bolton ——
20		Do you see that?	20	MR CURTIN: Perhaps Ms Pressick can help us with her memory.
21	Α.	Yes.	21	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Let's just be clear. If I were doing
22	Q.	May I show you the copies of the evidence I've submitted	22	the cross-examination, I could ask open questions
23		this morning?	23	about $$ like Mr Curtin has said $$ "You planned to
24	M:	S BOLTON: Well, can I see it as well, please? (Handed)	24	increase the size of the facility . That was objected to
25	MI	R CURTIN: They're just simply taken from the internet, BBC	25	by significant $$ and you went through a series of
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1		news coverage of a whole series of demonstrations,	1	appeals, processes, it even ended up in judicial
2		including sometimes thousands of people, that took place	2	review". All those are perfectly legitimate questions.
3		in and around the Bantin & Kingman site because the	3	Mr Curtin's failure at the moment is he's not waiting
4		Bantin & Kingman site was $$ okay.	4	for the answer ——
5	M:	S BOLTON: Can we take the witness to the page because I'm	5	MR CURTIN: Sorry.
6		not following this at the moment either.	6	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: $$ and it's when he needs to impeach an
7	MI	R JUSTICE NICKLIN: Yes, Mr Curtin, you need to —— have you	7	answer he gets that he needs to refer to the documents.
8		got a copy yourself, Mr Curtin?	8	If he were to get a series of answers "Yes" from the
9	М	R CURTIN: Yes.	0	
10			9	witness, he wouldn't need to refer to the documents.
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but a large  $\operatorname{dog}\,--$  beagle breeding facility? That was

1	MS BOLTON: My Lord, I'm simply raising the point that the	1	being asked about. We've not seen it until now. It
2	witness is being $$ things are being put to the witness	2	does seem to me that this is something which a witness
3	that don't appear to be in an article which we've only	3	should be allowed to read rather than multiple questions
4	just been handed, which seems to be a BBC report about	4	being put to her which $$ she doesn't even know what it
5	a protest and a petition and the witness is being asked	5	says. That's what I'm asking. If documents are handed
6	questions about seven planning applications, which I'm	6	this late, then people have to have a chance to look at
7	sorry, it just isn't clear from the document.	7	them.
8	MR CURTIN: My Lord, would this perhaps be a break for the	8	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: I don't think you're in any different
9	transcriber?	9	position than any other counsel who is handed documents
10	MS BOLTON: I just make that point, my Lord. She needs an	10	where a witness is being asked in cross-examination as
11	opportunity to read it because she's not seen it before.	11	to credit during the trial .
12	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Ms Bolton, I'm well aware of what the	12	MR CURTIN: Perhaps Ms Pressick has jogged her memory.
13	rules of cross—examination are and the important role	13	"Thousands object to Grimston dog breeding ground [as
14	I have in relation to when a litigant in person is	14	read]."
15	conducting a cross-examination is he is certainly in no	15	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: No, Mr Curtin
16	worse position than counsel would be in.	16	MS BOLTON: If there is a challenge to what is in this
17	Nobody is entitled, in the course of	17	evidence, it ought to be provided to people in time for
18	a cross-examination, conducted by an advocate, to stand	18	them to look at it.
19	up and say, "I demand that the witness be given an	19	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: That's not how cross-examination as to
20	opportunity to read all of these documents". To an	20	credit works.
21	extent Mr Curtin is being put under a harsher regime	21	MS BOLTON: I don't think she should be being cross—examined
22	than he would be if he were an advocate because he is	22	as to credit, my Lord. She seems to have acknowledged
23	entitled to ask the questions, which is, "You said there	23	there was a protest. It's not like she's denying that
24	haven't been any demonstrations prior to June 2021	24	there has been a protest.
25	$\dots$ " $$ sorry $$ " some minor protest in 2013 which	25	MR CURTIN: She is.
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1	occurred in response to a planning application by B&K".	1	MS BOLTON: No, she's not.
2	Well, Mr Curtin is entitled to probe that answer and he	2	MR CURTIN: She is. She said minor $$ she's accepted there
3	wants to address $$ take her to $$ I would think	3	was a minor protest. I would say there was six years of
4	particularly 7 January 2012 would be the article that	4	non—stop protesting.
5	I think he would be homing in on.	5	MS BOLTON: That's very different to what this article says.

6 MS BOLTON: My Lord, my point is this is all information 7 which, if it's being relied on in court, is usually 8 provided before the day that the witnesses are called 9 and it has not been, so it is actually important that 10 the witness is taken to it because it's been provided 11

12 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Witnesses up and down the country are 13 provided with documents on cross-examination as to 14 credit. 15

MS BOLTON: My Lord, it's not appropriate in these proceedings for it to be dealt with in this way without the witness at least having an opportunity to read the article because this hasn't been in evidence until this morning. I mean, Mr Curtin just turned up and handed it up and said, "I'm relying on this". We haven't had a witness statement that deals with this.

MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: No. 22

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23 MS BOLTON: It's not in his evidence, it's not in his 2.4 defence and now it's being introduced and the witness 25 does not even get a chance to cast her eye on what she's

6 MR CURTIN: High profile.

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7 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: You're undermining his

cross-examination now in front of the witness.

9 MS BOLTON: I will sit down. I simply make the point that I 10 do think this isn't a credit point and therefore the 11 witness should have a chance to look at it. But I've

12 made my submissions on it, my Lord.

MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: No, what you've done is you've told me 13 what you think about things. You haven't made any 14

15 submissions about it. You've interrupted Mr Curtin's

16 cross-examination. It's difficult enough for a litigant

17 in person to do this.

18 MS BOLTON: My Lord, I understand that, but it also has to

19 be fair on the witness answering the questions. I do 20

understand -- and all I was asking, that the witness is

21 given a chance to look at what's being put to her.

22 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: We haven't even got that far yet.

23 MS BOLTON: Well, she is being asked questions on it, so if

2.4 she could have a chance to look at it  $\,--\,$ 

MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: No, that's not how it works, Ms Bolton. 2.5

1 MS BOLTON: I will sit down. I apologise, but I do think 2 the witness ought to be given an opportunity to see 2 3 this. My Lord, I hear your Lordship. I won't push the 3 4 point any further. 4 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Mr Curtin, the purpose in 5 5 cross-examination is I think -- the quarrel you have 6 6 7 with Ms Pressick is that you say it's not a minor 7 8 protest, it was a more significant protest. 8 9 MR CURTIN: Yes. 9 10 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. Do you want to try and put that 10 11 to Ms Pressick and see what she says about that? 11 12 12 MR CURTIN: Yes. Would you still like to -- listening to 13 13 what you've heard, would you still like to stick to your 14 14 statement here where you have a recollection of a minor 15 protest as opposed to what I'm putting to you, six years 15 16 16 of very high profile, the Government getting involved, 17 the Government planning being involved? In fact it 17 18 wasn't one -- let me ask you. Was there -- do you 18 19 remember a succession of planning appeals? Do you 19 2.0 2.0 remember putting a --2.1 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Mr Curtin --21 MR CURTIN: I am so sorry. 2.2 22 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN:  $\,--$  you have to allow the witness to 2.3 23 2.4 provide an answer. Let me try and put the questions 2.4 25 that I think you want to put.

MR CURTIN: Yes 1

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MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: All right?

Ms Pressick, what we're looking at is the extent of there being a dispute about the proposals from B&K to expand their facility . Now, Mr Curtin is suggesting to you that there was more than just a minor protest and that in fact it was a fairly significant and prolonged period of opposition to these proposals.

9 A. This statement —— just to highlight, protest activity at 10 B&K site, and my statement mentions I had not 11 experienced any protest at the B&K site save a minor 12 protest. That was actually at the site itself --

13 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right.

A. -- and that's what I'm trying to highlight there. 14

MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay. 15

MR CURTIN: Okay, good. So away from the site, there had 16 been -- as a result of -- I put it to you, do you recall 17 18 Bantin & Kingman putting in a planning application for 19 a large beagle breeding -- I'd call it a "factory" --2.0 a site at the Bantin & Kingman site, after which there 21 was a very high profile series of demonstrations?

2.2 A. I was aware that there was planning application applied 23 for and it escalated, but I was not involved in any of 2.4 that process or at the time my role wasn't anywhere 25

close to that. I was aware that there was some activity

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in the higher courts for it.

Q. Yes. Okay. I put it to you -- and there was -- do you recall a planning application being -- if you don't

recall , you don't recall -- a planning application for

an extremely large beagle breeding site which was turned down and then another planning application of a smaller

scale? Have you any recollection of that?

A. I wasn't close enough to it to answer.

Q. Okay. So Marshalls take over Bantin & Kingman in around about 2009 and then immediately begin to make --

immediately begin to make plans to turn the Bantin &

Kingman site —— the original plan to turn the Bantin &

Kingman site into a large beagle breeding facility -

MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Mr Curtin, we're now moving away from

an area that's relevant to the issues that I have to decide; okay? The whys and wherefores about what the

plans were for a larger facility, the extent to which it

was subject to appeals and planning process is not

relevant to the issues I have to decide.

MR CURTIN: I understand, my Lord. It just goes to the

history of the company. It would be my case that the

plans that were rejected —— the idea of this American

multi-national fell apart and in fact what we've got now, the site at MBR Acres, is the fulfillment of the

2.5 Marshall plan to come to England.

MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay. But my answer to that is, "And

2 so what?". In relation to the litigation -- the issues

that I have to decide in this case, even if that were

3 right, it can't make obstructing traffic into the

5 facility at the Wyton site lawful. It just doesn't have

6 any bearings, Mr Curtin. I've told you at the beginning

7 of the trial , you don't need to, as it were, establish

8 that your opposition to what goes on at the Wyton site

9 is well founded. You don't have to do that. The

10 claimants are not challenging that. They understand the

11 basis on which you protest against their activities .

12 They do not say that your beliefs are not well founded.

13 So you do not need to establish the reasons why you feel

14 that you should protest against their activities, so

15 none of this is relevant.

16 MR CURTIN: All right. As the project licence holder and as

17 someone who speaks with authority on behalf of

18 MBR Acres, because part of the -- let me challenge you

19 on this . You say -- maybe counsel here could help me.

2.0 You suspect that the demonstration may come to you one 2.1

day, do you understand? I'm paraphrasing one of your

2.2 paragraphs here, where -- the reason you've added

23 Bantin & Kingman on to the injunction is that you feel 2.4 that the protest may spread to your site?

2.5 A. It's in my witness statement.

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1 Q. It's the whole -- why is Bantin & Kingman on this witness evidence. It only came yesterday. 2 injunction? Why is Bantin & Kingman here on this 2 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, let's try it a different way, 3 injunction? 3 Mr Curtin A. Can I refer to a section of that? 4 4 Ms Pressick, you are aware I think, as you've been here -- have you seen the footage that Mr Curtin 5 Q. Yes. 5 A. So ... sorry, I'm not sure where it is in my statement, provided? It's got a series of extracts, some of it 6 6 but regarding to the B&K site, it had a protest last 7 there's a bit of drone footage, there's a bit of footage  $--\,$  and the allegation or the suspicion is 8 year -- the year before, sorry, it's had subsequent 8 9 calls and disruption to the admin. 9 that -- I think Mr Curtin confirmed as much -- he'd 10 10 Q. But there is no -taken it by essentially using a fishing rod to insert MS BOLTON: If it helps Mr Curtin, it's paragraphs 85 to 11 11 a small camera through a vent at the facility. Have you 12 12 101 seen that video footage? 13 A. Thank you. Paragraph 65? 13 A. I've seen some footage, yes. MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: 85. MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Are you able to recognise it as being 14 14 15 A. 85, sorry. 15 from MBR Acres? MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: It's 86. That's where -- what you're MS BOLTON: My Lord, Ms Pressick hasn't seen this footage. 16 16 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okav. 17 asking about. Mr Curtin. 17 18 MR CURTIN: Yes 18 MR CURTIN: What about the Daily Mirror --A. So a protest, some disruption of calls and some contact MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: No, one thing at a time, please, 19 19 20 referencing the social media to the B&K site. 20 Mr Curtin; okay? Do we have the footage or not? 2.1 Q. Are animals, as we speak today, bred on the B&K site? 2.1 MS BOLTON: My Lord, I think someone is trying to find it, 22 A. Animals are bred on the B&K site. 22 but I do question the relevance of this to the case 2.3 Q. Are beagles bred? 2.3 again. 2.4 2.4 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay. A No 2.5 Q. So even though the Bantin & Kingman site is involved 25 MS BOLTON: Mr Curtin -- well, I don't want to put words 37 1 with breeding animals, you're absolutely not involved 1 into his mouth (inaudible) challenge. with breeding beagles? MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: No, I think he's just seeking 2 2 3 A. Not at that site. 3 confirmation. If you're telling me that you're not Q. Okay. How many times do you visit the site? As project going to challenge that it is the footage from the 5 holder, how many times have you visited the site, for 5 inside of the facility -example, this year? 6  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{MS}}$  BOLTON: I think that's why I was asking my Lord was it 6 7 7 A. This year, most weeks. by the camera pole, in which case it was likely and MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Are you talking about the Wyton site? 8 8 Mr Curtin has confirmed it is --9 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Yes. 9 MR CURTIN: Sorry, yes, the Wyton site. Most weeks? 10 10 MS BOLTON: -- so I don't think we need to --11 Q. So you know the site well? 11 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: So that's not being challenged? 12 A. Yes, yes. 12 MS BOLTON: We know that the inside was filmed. That's why Q. Would the witness be able to show -- would I be able to 13 13 I was asking. MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. That's not being challenged, show the undercover footage to the witness and she could 14 14 15 establish if this is a -- she would confirm if this is 15 Mr Curtin, so you don't need to ask Ms Pressick about 16 taken from the Wyton site that I've -- I think it's 16 that because it's not being disputed that -- that part 17 of the footage, which shows the dogs inside the exhibit E. If she was able to confirm that these were 17 18 dogs and --18 facility , is not being challenged as part of the -- it's

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MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Yes, you can ask that question, but I'm

just concerned how we're going to play it. Who has the

whether MBR Acres is in any way, for example, breaching 40

not being said that that's not what you say it is.

she satisfied as a project holder --

MR CURTIN: Okay. It's just —— it's the state of what you

see the dogs in. it's the filth that I would ask -- is

MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right, that's not a relevant question

because I'm not deciding -- it's not my job to decide

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facilities ?

MS BOLTON: It's on Opus, my Lord.

MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay. Can we do that?

MS BOLTON: We don't know where it is, though. It's

Mr Curtin's evidence. It's not numbered into the

1 its licence, not caring for the dogs properly. That's 2 not my responsibility and it's not an issue in these 3 proceedings. I appreciate that you very much feel that 4 they are not being kept properly. I understand those --5 and that's what gives rise to what is the basis of your protest activities, which I repeat again is not being 6 7 challenged. The sincerity of your belief is not being challenged by the claimants so that's not a relevant 8 9 matter for me to engage upon in this litigation. 10 MR CURTIN: Okay, and I don't want to stretch the point. Can I ask about the working hours? The fact that --11 12 is it relevant that the dogs are left alone from 13 11.00 am on a Saturday as a project licence holder? MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: No. 14 15 MR CURTIN: Okav. All right. Let's go to the documents you were shown 16 17 about the importation of dogs from America. 18 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: The schedule? This (Indicates)? 19 MR CURTIN: Yes. Do you accept -- because it's redacted --20 the document is redacted. In fact the name of the 2.1 company involved on the left-hand side is redacted, but 22 next to that there's a zip code. I would suggest to you that's a zip code of -- do you accept that that's 2.3

Marshall? Does that seem familiar to you? I'm asking

a lot. I'm sorry for this. I do apologise to you.

- 1 Are you aware that Marshalls import dogs into this 2 country? Were you aware before being shown today? 3 A. There's always been some supply from the US to the UK.
  - Q. Some supply. And you talked of not -- the reason it's done, because maybe there's a shortfall into a certain type of dog. What types of -- as far as I know,
  - Marshall breed the Marshall beagle.
- 8 A. Yes.

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- 9 Q. So which other type of dog do you breed?
- 10 A. We haven't other dogs --
- 11 Q. So there's no other dogs. Which shortfall do you refer 12
- A. For the UK market, it's the Marshall beagle. 13
- Q. Well, you have a place called "MBR Acres" with up to --14 15 a capacity of up to 2.000 dogs; ves?
- A. It's a capacity that could do that, yes -- can do that.
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: So just let me try to clarify. If 17
- 18 there is a need for further beagles to supply those who 19 are carrying out medical research and you need further
- 2.0 supplies of that, then sometimes they will be imported 21 from the US?
- 2.2 A. Yes, yes.
- 23 MR CURTIN: Okay. Let me paraphrase it this way. To me
- 2.4 it's as if you spoke in terms of Marshall providing
- a public service . To me, that's how it -- I put it to 25

you that Marshalls is a business; yes?

- 2 A. Yes, it is a business.
- 3 Q. It's an American business and its business is to breed 4 beagles to laboratories.
- 5 A. Hmm.
- Q. It's in its interest to sell as many beagles all over 6 7 the world as possible?
- 8 A. It's to meet the customer demand.
- 9 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right.
- 10 MR CURTIN: Well, any business would say that.
- 11 A. But it's not to meet, as you're describing, as many as 12 we can do.
- 13 Q. Why not? You don't want to breed an excess, you want to 14 breed as many as you can sell. You want to sell beagles
- 15 to laboratories; yes? And Marshall, you have a centre in China; yes? Come on. 16
- 17 MS BOLTON: What's the relevance of this?
- 18 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Ms Bolton, I think the relevance is
- that it's part of your case that if MBR Acres is put out 19
- 20 of business, then it would be impossible to carry out
- 21 meaningful medical research in this country because
- 22 there is no other provider.
- MS BOLTON: Yes. 2.3
- 2.4 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Mr Curtin is exploring that in fact
- 25 there are -- not only are beagles imported now, but that

- 1 therefore it's not right to say that there are no other
- 2 suppliers. He is doing quite a good job of
- 3 establishing  $\,--\,$  if you leave aside the question of
- numbers. I've got that from Ms Pressick's evidence --
- 5 he says that if MBR -- if, as it were, the domestic
- 6 production stopped, the American market would not be
- 7 able to supply the numbers. But that's the relevance of
- 8 the evidence.
- 9 MS BOLTON: The question, "It's in your interest to breed as
- 10 many dogs as you can", isn't a point. That's not --
- 11 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay, Ms Bolton, it is going to take
- 12 a very long time. I cannot, with a litigant in person,
- 13 police with the vigilance I might an advocate's
- 14 questions the precise relevance of what he's going to
- 15 ask because sometimes it only becomes apparent what
- 16 point he's trying to make when it's gone a little
- 17 further. Where I am satisfied the evidence is
- 18 irrelevant, I have stopped him.
- 19 MS BOLTON: My Lord --
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: I don't see that he is ... He is 2.0
- 2.1 perfectly entitled to say that MBR Acres are
- 2.2 a commercial operation and their business is to supply
- 23 beagles for medical research, and I think if we --
- 24 MS BOLTON: My Lord, I'm sorry.
- 2.5 MR CURTIN: Marshalls have —— is it correct that Marshalls

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have centres in China? of Marshalls. 2 A. Yes, they have. 2 MR CURTIN: Okay. Can I ask you about your pyramid of 3 Q. In France? 3 authority? Do you have a European manager? Because 4 A Yes 4 you're owned by an American company, do you have 5 Q. And we've established that Marshalls bought Bantin — 5 a European manager that you're responsible to? Marshalls came -- would it be correct that Marshalls A. We have directors in Europe. 6 6 7 came to set up in the UK as part of their global 7 Q. Pardon? 8 8 operation? A. We have directors. 9 A. Yes. 9 Q. Is there a European manager of -- well, you work for 10 Q. Do you have a centre in Italy? 10 Bantin & Kingman. You don't know --MS BOLTON: Paragraph 43 of the witness statement. 11 A. No. Not -- no. 11 12 MR CURTIN: Pardon? 12 Q. Did you used to have a centre in Italy? 13 A. Many years ago. 13 MS BOLTON: It's in paragraph 43. It's all there. Q. How many? Not that many. 2015? 14 14 My Lord, it may be a good time for Mr Curtin to look 15 A. Possibly. I can't remember the year, but yes, it was 15 at that. We need an Opus break, so it might give him 16 16 quite a few years ago. a moment, because that's where the company structure and Q. Why is there not an MBR facility --17 who is in charge of what is explained. 17 18 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: No, that's not going to be relevant. 18 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Mr Curtin, don't underestimate that 19 It's fair enough for you to ask questions about the 19 I have read the Italian court judgment that you sent me, 20 extent to which the larger corporation has facilities, 20 I understand why you have referred to it, but it falls 21 current facilities , that could supply beagles. Where 21 into the same category that I dealt with before, which 22 you're heading at the moment, because I know what you've 22 is you don't need to satisfy me or the court of the 2.3 23 reasons why you feel driven to protest about MBR Acres; sent me, isn't going to be relevant --2.4 MR CURTIN: Okay. 2.4 okay? You don't need to -- that's not an issue in this MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: -- because they don't have a facility 25 45 47 1 in Italy anymore. 1 MR CURTIN: Okav. MR JUSTICE NICKLIN:  $\,--\,$  and nobody is saying that you don't MR CURTIN: Can I try and ask one more question about Italy 2 2 3 and you can refuse it? 3 have well-founded reasons for your protest. You don't Are you aware of criminal prosecutions of MBR senior need to establish those and it's not fair to ask 5 management, the European senior  $--\,$  have you got any 5 Ms Pressick about things that she's not responsible for. knowledge at all of the MBR senior management being 6 MR CURTIN: Okay. I just find it hard to believe that she'd 6 7 7 imprisoned in Italy for running a dog breeding facility? forgotten about a very senior management -- when she was 8 8 A. I haven't got the information to answer any questions on at the company. 9 9 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right, Mr Curtin, we're not going to that. 10 Q. That's not what I asked. Have you got any memory at all 10 deal with it; all right? MR CURTIN: Yes. 11 of what -- do you understand what I'm referring to? I'm 11 12 putting to you that MBR management have been imprisoned, 12 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: We're going to take our break. You 13 the European manager. Have you got any recollection at 13 need to concentrate in relation to Ms Pressick's all of that? allegations about you. You did a careful job in your 14 14 15 15 A. No. not close. witness statement of what you wanted to challenge in 16 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: She's got no recollection. 16 relation to various things that were being alleged 17 against you. It's upon that that you need to

17 MR CURTIN: Can I pursue that?

18 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: No, because it's not relevant.

19 MR CURTIN: I'd say that -- I'd have gone for perjury there. 2.0

She cannot forget a senior member of her company going

21 to prison. That's what she's saying. She's got ...

2.2 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: It's an entirely different -- well,

23 you've got to remember that operations -- Ms Pressick is

2.4 in charge or has been in charge of the UK operation.

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break now.

MR CURTIN: Thank you.

MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: All right? We're going to have our

MS BOLTON: My Lord, just to flag, I did say to Mr Curtin this morning that if at any point he needs five minutes

to read part of the statement to have a think and

regroup, he should just signal that to your Lordship and

1	that that will be given.	1	(11.51 am)
2	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Absolutely. Cross—examination doesn't	2	(A short break)
3	have to be an ordeal, Mr Curtin. If you need time to	3	(12.08 pm)
4	regroup your thoughts, just let me know; all right?	4	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. Yes, Mr Curtin.
5	MR CURTIN: Okay, thank you.	5	MR CURTIN: Can I refer you to paragraph 137 of your
6	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: We're going to have our break now.	6	20th statement? It's a section at the top of the page,
7	We're going to come back at 12.05. But remember what	7	"D11 $$ John Curtin". Can I summarise it? Basically
8	I've said about what the parameters of this litigation	8	you describe $\operatorname{Mr}$ John Curtin as a protester, really , that
9	are about and the questions you need to ask; all right?	9	does things that protesters do, shouting, holding
10	MR CURTIN: Could I ask $$ I don't mind $$ for some	10	banners. Would that be an accurate description of Mr $$
11	guidance, just in the 15 minutes' break so I can apply	11	a typical protester in fact?
12	my mind, not of you as my solicitor but as the judge.	12	A. In terms of ——
13	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Yes.	13	Q. In terms of my activities outside of MBR Acres, I put it
14	MR CURTIN: Ms Pressick refers to a lot of the video	14	to you that my actions are that of a $$ what you would
15	evidence but she wasn't there. She's got $$ in my	15	be accustomed to in protesting. Shouting?
16	witness statement there's lots of challenge and various	16	A. Shouting, yes.
17	interpretations .	17	Q. Holding up banners?
18	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Correct.	18	A. Hmm-hmm.
19	MR CURTIN: So this is my chance with Ms Pressick, but also	19	Q. So my actions are that of a typical protester. There's
20	I get two chances, with Ms Pressick and the witnesses?	20	nothing that makes me stand out compared to other
21	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Correct. It would be possible for you	21	protesters that you've seen on the videos?
22	to say to Ms Pressick the point you've just made to me,	22	A. Not in all instances.
23	which is, "You weren't present when these incidents took	23	Q. Could you expand on that?
24	place so your only knowledge of them is through having	24	A. Well, I think we'd $$ could we go to some more
25	watched the video $\dots$ " $$	25	reference, please?
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1	MR CURTIN: Yes.	1	Q. Okay, what about we go to paragraph 255? No, no, sorry,
2	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: " and therefore it's just your	2	252.
3	impression of what I'm doing".	3	Before I ask you questions about 252, if I could
4	MR CURTIN: Yes.	4	briefly refer back to the previous section where you
5	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: "If I were to say that I didn't do	5	generalise Mr Curtin $$ sorry $$ but you talk of some
6	that, you wouldn't disagree with that?".	6	previous involvement I've had. You're aware of $$
7	MR CURTIN: Yes.	7	you're aware that my involvement with animal rights goes
8	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Questions like that. So you can say	8	back $$ is this microphone on?
9	that it's just her view in essence, having watched the	9	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: It doesn't work. It only records; it
10	videos; all right?	10	doesn't amplify. The microphone you need to worry about
11	MR CURTIN: Yes, thank you.	11	is the one with the little $\operatorname{green} \sim$
12	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: But you've adopted the right approach	12	MR CURTIN: Sorry to go back, could we quickly go back to
13	in your witness statement because you set out what it is	13	where I've just referred to now?
14	that's alleged against you and then you set out what you	14	MS BOLTON: 252.
15	say in answer to it. Cross-examination of Ms Pressick,	15	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Mr Curtin, what do you want, the
16	you may not need to do it for all of them, you can	16	section you were referring to before?
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17	choose a few examples and say to Ms Pressick, "You say	17	MR CURTIN: I want to go to the
	choose a few examples and say to Ms Pressick, "You say I did this. I say I didn't do that. What I did was	17 18	MR CURTIN: I want to go to the MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Page 485.
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17 18	I did this . I say I didn't do that. What I did was	18	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Page 485.

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the job you've already done in analysing that which you  $\,$ 

want to challenge; all right?

MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right, okay.

MR CURTIN: Yes, thank you.

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MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Oh, I'm in a different bundle, right.

Mr Curtin, what's important when you're

MR CURTIN: I've got a different ...

It's paragraph 137.

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- 1 cross-examining a witness is you've got to get an answer
- 2 from the witness. Your thoughts are running ahead with
- 3 you and you're putting points but you're not necessarily
- 4 getting an answer. You're making sensible submissions
- 5 and points, but you've got to get the answer from the
- witness 6

- MR CURTIN: Yes. 7
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Just from what I know you've asked, let 8
  - me try and capture this. So what Mr Curtin was asking
- 10 you essentially is: is there anything, so far as you're
- 11 concerned, that marks him out as a protester that's
- 12 anything other than the normal protester protesting
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- A. As the group, he's no different, no. 14
- 15 MR CURTIN: What was the answer?
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: As the group, the group of protesters, 16
- 17 you're no different.
- 18 MR CURTIN: Okay, but on paragraph 138, you do refer to
- 19 you've got some knowledge of my past.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 2.1 Q. What's that based on?
- 2.2 A. History, information from public source and the site
- itself prior to Marshalls owning that site. 2.3 2.4 Q. So is this stuff you've picked up in the canteen or
- 25 stuff you've been told, you've read? I just want to
- 1 know your previous knowledge of me. You talk about my
- 2 past and I just want to know what you base that on.
- A. As with all activities, it's in the public domain.
- Q. Okay. So have you researched me? These people in the
- 5 courtroom, they don't know anything about me.
- 6 A. Only by looking at past knowledge and information on the 7 web
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: And that's research you've carried out? 8
- 9 A. Yes. some. ves.
- 10 MR CURTIN: Yes, I've actually been involved -- do you know
- 11 how long I've been involved?
- 12 A. No, sorry, not exactly.
- Q. Let's take you to 252. Before we deal with it 13
- specifically , there's perhaps hundreds of incidences 14
- 15 here which you've spoken about which have been captured 16
  - on video; yes? Not forgetting about 252, but 252, 255,
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- 18 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Generally in your witness statement
- you've recounted a lot of incidents. 19
- A. Yes, yes 2.0
- 21 MR CURTIN: Would I be correct in that most, if not all, of
- 2.2 the incidents you weren't present? I'm going to bring
- 23 you to a specific incident now --
- 2.4 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Mr Curtin, you haven't got the answer
- 2.5 again.

- MR CURTIN: Sorry, I apologise.
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Ms Pressick, would it be fair to say
- 3 that your knowledge of what has taken place is
- 4 largely -- and you'll tell me if it's not exclusively --
- 5 based upon you watching videos?
- A. Yes, it is. 6

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- 7 MR CURTIN: For example, paragraph 252 --
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Wait a minute. Why have we taken the 8
  - microphone away?
- THE CLERK OF THE COURT: Ms Jaffray is getting loads of 10
  - feedback. I don't know if it's from her end.
- 12 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, if we take the microphone away,
- 13 she's not going to hear anything at all.
- THE CLERK OF THE COURT: There's another microphone there. 14
- 15 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Oh, I see. Right. Okay.
- 16 MR CURTIN: 252, 13 September 2021. Do you remember being
- 17 present that day or is your recollection purely from the
- 18 video?
- 19 A. The video. 20 Q. Video 294. Have you watched that video?
- 2.1 A. Yes, I've watched most videos.
- 2.2 Q. You quote me as saying -- and I don't dispute this.
- I can be heard -- "The idea is to stand here and hold 2.3
- 2.4 them back". So you've put that in your statement; yes?
- 25 You've heard that on the video so that's why it's in
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- 1 vour statement?
- 2. A. Yes.
- 3 Q. I put it to you that you might have cherry-picked that
- sentence because you haven't -- is there any reason why
- 5 you didn't put in the preceding sentence or the
- 6 following sentence? Okay, that's the question.
- 7 A. The main sentence in these videos are statements
- 8 critical to me understanding the situation at the time.
- 9 Q. Because if you were to listen -- we could watch the
- 10 video if you want, if you didn't believe me, but
- 11 prior to that I address a group of people and I actually
- 12 say, "Because of the injunction, because of the police
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- MS BOLTON: We have the video, my Lord. I think  $--\,$ 14
- MR CURTIN: Could we watch --15
- 16 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: But if Ms Pressick agrees with
- 17 Mr Curtin that that's what he said, we don't need to
- 18 watch the video.
- 19 MR CURTIN: I think it might be useful to watch the video
- 2.0 because I doubt whether she remembers it. Can we watch
- 21 the video? I draw your attention to the preceding
- 2.2 sentences before and after.
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay. Before we do that, because 23
- 2.4 I have a feeling that we may have to listen to this more
- 2.5 than once, put the words that you say we can hear to the

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1	witness so that we all know what we're listening for.
2	MR CURTIN: Okay. We've got some sort of idea of the time.
3	I put it to you that $$ and I think your evidence is
4	done in such a way to $$
5	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: No, Mr Curtin, just the words.
6	MR CURTIN: Listen out for the words. "For all those who
7	are here, who perhaps it might be your first time,
8	because of the police, because of an injunction, our
9	idea is to hold them back", and then the bit you haven't
10	put is, "and keep moving and when they get to the road
11	they'll get off". So I put it to you that what's going
12	on there is myself as a senior, very experienced
13	protester, $ {\sf I} $ am putting to a crowd of people who haven't
14	been $$ some of the people who haven't been there
15	before $$ I'm accepting we're going to slow the vehicle
16	and then once it gets to the road $$ so I'm accepting
17	there's going to be some obstruction. So let's go to
18	watch the video, which is very different because we're
19	going to $$
20	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay, now we'll watch the video; all
21	right?
22	MR CURTIN: Okay, thank you.
23	(Video played)
24	May I help the court as we're going along?
25	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: No. Are any of us going to be able to

1 hear this? 2 Right. 3 Is there more? I thought it had reached the end of MS BOLTON: No, I don't think we have. The screen has gone 5 6 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay. Do we need to see more? 7 MS BOLTON: It goes on for longer, my Lord. 8 9 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: I'm sure it does. 10 MS BOLTON: It may be relevant to the context of what 11 Ms Pressick is being challenged on so I think the 12 witness should see it. MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. Mr Curtin, now, on the basis 13 14 we've seen the video, what do you want to put to Ms Pressick on the basis of what we've just watched? 15 16 MR CURTIN: I would ask you to accept -- it would be -- what 17 you've seen there is me obstructing vehicles but not 18 blocking them, allowing passage, facilitating a peaceful 19 protest, a protest where the vehicles are kept  $--\ \mbox{do}$  you 2.0 accept that's not me endeavouring to block the vehicles

of the vehicles. Would you agree with that? A. Not fully because that is blocking the access out of site. That situation is a concern for staff to leave

to keep them inside? There's seems to be an express --

I put it to you that I'm facilitating in fact the moving

1 site, and when we describe that there's items and 2 there's people across, including Mr Curtin -- across

3 that access

4 Q. It's not ideal. It's just that throughout your 5 statement you often refer to me as blocking the

vehicles. I put it to you that there is no evidence at 6 7

all, apart from an incident described in paragraph 255

where an Anglia Water -- a van was held up. I put it to 8

9 you there's no evidence of me in your entire witness

10 statement, with the exclusion of 255, of Mr Curtin ever

11 blocking a vehicle, impeding, obstructing, but always

12 with the idea, in the case of Mr Curtin, of allowing

13 free passage of vehicles. Would you accept that?

14 A. I wouldn't say it was free passage. I don't describe 15 that as free passage.

16 Q. Okay, but are you able to refer anywhere in the 17 documents to Mr Curtin actually blocking the vehicle, as 18 in it cannot either enter or leave the premises?

19 A. I understand you say they can move but not easily.

20 Q. Okay. Good.

21 As far as the rest of your video evidence in 22 relation to me, there are a lot of references to me but 23 they're based on you watching the video and it's your 2.4 opinion. You're not an eve witness in these events.

25 you're just shown the videos and make --

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A. No, that's what I said. I observed the videos in most 1 2 instances

3 Q. Okay. Now, you say you've been there -- what did you

say? I asked you how many times you'd been a project licence holder to the MBR Acres site, to the Wyton site, 5

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and your answer was ...?

7 A. Being -- not the project licence, the establishment

8 licence holder.

9 Q. Establishment, sorry.

10 A. Yes, it's two years -- it's when Jane Read was -- fell 11 (inaudible - overspeaking).

12 Q. I've talked about this year. You've already answered

13 it . To remind you, I think you said you've been there nearly every week, you said. 14

15 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: That's a different point, visiting the

16 site. She goes most weeks, she said.

MR CURTIN: I now want to know about visiting the site. You 17

18 go most weeks. Are you sure about that?

19 A. Oh, yes, absolutely.

2.0 Q. So you've been shouted at then? Well, have you been

21 shouted at?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And what has been shouted at you?

24 A. The instances of the puppy killer and scum.

2.5 Q. Have you made a statement anywhere about things that

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- were shouted at you and how it made you feel? Because
- 2 you've been shouted at, is there any evidence in here
- 3 about any feelings that you've had about that?
- 4 A. In my witness statement, at the end I refer to -- give
- me a minute just to check -- it's my overall view for 5
- the staff as well, not my direct view. 6
- 7 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right.
- MR CURTIN: Okay. So in your many, many visits -- it must 8
- 9 be many, it must be  $--\ \mbox{Camp}$  Beagle has been going for
- nearly two years -- so if you've been going every week,
- 11 that's like ... you've been in and out of the site while
- 12 Camp Beagle has been there many times: ves?
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- 14 Q. Have you been shouted at whilst you drive in and you
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- A. Collectively driving in and out, yes. 16
- Q. Have you been shouted at? What does "collectively" 17
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- 19 A. When we access and leave site, as your group, you shout
- 20 and --
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Is it meaning that you --21
- 2.2 A. For me directly
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Conventionally, is it that you are in 2.3
- 2.4 a vehicle with others or do you drive --
- 2.5 A. No, I usually drive on my own.

- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: You drive on your own, right.
- MR CURTIN: When someone shouts at you, do you take it
- 3 collectively? Do you see people shouting at you?
- You're the project licence holder. Do people know you?
- 5 Do you think you get treated as a ...?
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: I think Mr Curtin is asking do you feel 6
- 7 that you are being targeted personally or that you are
- 8 being targeted because you are going to and from
- 9 MBR Acres?
- 10 A. I get targeted as the group, not as the licence holder.
- 11 MR CURTIN: And could you give an example of what you've
  - actually heard -- forget about the video -- what you've
- heard you yourself being called,  $\,$  collectively? You 13
- don't take -- what is the collective group -- even 14
- 15 sometimes vou're going on vour own -- oh. I'm so sorry.
  - Forget that. What has been shouted at you that you
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- 18 A. On separate incidences not relating to that video, but
- 19 going on and off site, is "killer", "puppy killer", 2.0 "murderer"
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- Q. You've heard it on that video, "puppy killer". And how

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- does it make you feel to be called a puppy killer?
- 23 A. It's really awful. It's not nice at all.
- 2.4 Q. Not nice.
- 25 A. No.

1 Q. But you understand why people say that? Do you have any

- 2 understanding why someone would call you a puppy -- or
- 3 anyone that works in MBR, this collective, would you
- 4 understand?
- A. I don't understand why we're being called "puppy 5
- killers ". 6
- 7 Q. Okay. Because you breed animals for vivisection --
- 8 yes? -- to be experimented on.
- 9 A. We breed animals for research.
- 10 Q. You've got a project licence for bleeding. Animals are
- 11 also bled there, aren't they? Is it correct that you've
- 12 got a bleeding licence for the MBR --
- 13 A. We've got a project licence for taking blood.
- 14 Q. And on site, at Wyton, are dogs bled and sometimes bled 15 to death?
- 16 A. That's not the correct description.
- 17 Q. What is the correct description of the terminal bleeding
- 18 procedures?
- MS BOLTON: Can I ask why this is relevant to the case? 19
- 2.0 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, it arises out of the answer that
- 2.1 Ms Pressick gave, which is why she doesn't understand
- 22 why they're called "puppy killers".
- MS BOLTON: Yes, but that's not a question to her. 2.3
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, it's -
- 25 MS BOLTON: That's a submission for Mr Curtin or his own

- 1 evidence, but it's not a question to her on her
- 2. evidence.
- 3 MR CURTIN: It is now.
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Could you step outside court for
- 5 a moment, please, Ms Pressick, so that I can just  $\,--\,$
- 6 just literally, it will be two or three minutes.
- 7 A Yes

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- (The witness withdrew)
- 9 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Mr Curtin is exploring the impact of
- 10 the protest on Ms Pressick personally.
- 11 MS BOLTON: My Lord, I understand that.
- 12 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: And his purpose, as I understand it, is
- 13 that he's trying to make the point and trying to get the
- 14 witness to agree that she understands that the target of
- 15 the protest is not Ms Pressick personally but the
- 16 organisation that she works for.
- MS BOLTON: But she's accepted that, my Lord. 17
- 18 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Yes, but what he's -- the question he
- 19 was asking was, because he wants -- he's trying to
- 2.0 extract the answer, which is that dogs do die  $-\!-$  I don't
- 21 know whether it's right or not -- dogs do die at the ...
- 2.2 Now, if they do, then Ms Pressick's apparent refusal or
- 23 reluctance to accept that there's a basis for calling
- 2.4 "puppy killers" is relevant to how it impacts her

25 potentially.

1	MS BOLTON: My Lord, unless Mr Curtin is putting to	1	this is not relevant, then trust me that I will
2	Ms Pressick that she kills dogs $$	2	understand that some of the questions Mr Curtin asks are
3	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: No, that's not the point.	3	of limited relevance but I want to see where it's going.
4	MS BOLTON: My Lord, my concern is that what's really going	4	Ultimately, if it goes nowhere and it turns out to be
5	on here is investigation into licences MBR has, and what	5	irrelevant, $\boldsymbol{I}$ will ignore the evidence that is obtained
6	that means, what this means, isn't relevant to she's	6	by it. But it takes longer for us to do this process if
7	accepted to Mr Curtin $$	7	you object on the basis of relevance than it will be if
8	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay. Can I propose that we deal with	8	we just sit quietly, let Mr Curtin ask the questions,
9	it in this way because it is a lot easier for me to deal	9	let me control whether he's straying too far off the
10	with the question of what relevance the answers have	10	path, and we will try and get through the evidence.
11	afterwards. If we do it in the currency of the witness'	11	MS BOLTON: My Lord, I accept that. I would just flag now
12	evidence, either you do Mr Curtin a real disservice	12	that I'm conscious that we have a number of witnesses
13	because, if I had to have this discussion in front of	13	who are quite fragile and who are quite affected by
14	the witness, you would have successfully deactivated any	14	things and, again, I just think —— I'm concerned if we
15	possibility that he was going to extract the answer that	15	move too far, that that's going to become a theme and
16	he wanted —	16	that's going to be very hard on them. That's all
17	MS BOLTON: My Lord, I've been very careful to make sure	17	I flag. My Lord, I hear your Lordship. I won't pursue
18	that I'm not saying anything about that but simply	18	these points. I'll leave it to your Lordship.
19	asking about the relevance. I'm certainly not wanting	19	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Mr Curtin doesn't strike me as an
20	to do that but at the same time I am conscious that	20	unintelligent man. I think he can understand where he
21	Mr Curtin has made it very clear that what he really	21	hits up against the guide rails , as it were, and I don't
22	wants to put on trial here is MBR, what he really wants	22	suppose he will repeat the errors, such as they are, as
23	to do ——	23	we move forward during the trial. If he does, then I'll
24	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: No, he is struggling as a litigant	24	have to correct them again.
25	would do in these circumstances to understand the	25	MS BOLTON: No, and, my Lord, I think Mr Curtin will
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1	parameters of relevance. I am doing the best to explain	1	probably acknowledge, when he's raised to me paragraphs
2	to him what is relevant. He is likely to transgress on	2	he wants to take, I've fairly explained to him how he
3	occasions throughout this trial because he has his own	3	should take the witnesses to them. I'm not trying to
4	beliefs about this that he feels strongly about and he	4	impede that at all. I just also want to ensure that the
5	feels that his protest activities are trying to be	5	witness isn't being —— questions being put to them tha
6	curtailed by the litigation . You say they're not, but	6	really they shouldn't be, that aren't relevant, and that
7	that's how he feels.	7	was all, but I hear your Lordship.
8	MS BOLTON: My Lord, I accept that. I just ask the court to	8	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Ultimately, that's my job.
9	bear in mind that it must be of relevance, especially	9	MS BOLTON: My Lord, indeed.
10	when he's asking about the company's operations because	10	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. Let's get the witness back,
11	that's the company's business, unless it's relevant to	11	please.
12	this case, and so $$	12	Mr Curtin, I'm just going to ask a couple of
13	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay. Well, if I had to adopt a zero	13	questions to try to establish the answer that I think
14	tolerance approach to relevance and had you getting up	14	you're trying to get.
15	every time that Mr Curtin asked a question, this trial	15	(The witness returned)
16	will last until the end of July.	16	MR CURTIN: Thank you.
17	MS BOLTON: I accept that, my Lord, and I don't intend to do	17	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Ms Pressick, are there occasions —
18	that. I simply am concerned that we do stay to	18	when you are carrying out the taking of the blood
19	relevance to a degree because it is ——	19	samples from the dogs, are there occasions in which,
20	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Put your faith, Ms Bolton, in the fact	20	whether that's unintended, the dogs die as a result of
21	that I understand the parameters of this litigation .	21	that?
22	I ultimately will control the questions that Mr Curtin	22	A. No, it's not unintended. It's under procedure,
23	asks. I have to ask you, please, to refrain from	23	properly.

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a result of that?

MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. Do sometimes dogs die as

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interrupting unless there is something of real prejudice

that is going to emerge. If it's merely to say that

- A. No. 1 a terminal -- let me go back to that. In the terminal 2 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: No? 2 bleeding procedure, it's not the purpose of the dog to 3 A. No 3 A. A terminal procedure is terminal. 4 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. So they don't die. 4 Q. Okay. We could be here -- okay. Thank you for that. 5 MR CURTIN: You have a bleeding licence, yes, MBR --5 A. We have a licence, yes. So just to establish, why are the dogs bled? I put 6 6 Q. Are you telling the court -- and you're under oath and 7 it to you it's part of Marshall's business to sell dogs' I haven't got the information -- that there are no blood; is this correct? This is why it's done? 8 8 9 procedures of terminal bleeding, under anaesthesia, in 9 A. Yes, because quite often, if blood is required, we don't the bleeding room of MBR Acres? Think about it. 10 10 always terminally bleed. We take blood as you would 11 A. It's called —— as I said then, it's terminal bleeding 11 a person --MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Yes. 12 but it's under procedure, so a dog could be bled but not 12 come around again. But that is not just on purpose, 13 A. -- so it's saving, on the other hand, a dog's life . MR CURTIN: Seeing as we're here, so you don't always --14 it's managed and it's because of the specific dog that 14 15 we would do that. So it's under the schedule -- we have 15 when would you decide --16 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: No. Mr Curtin. a schedule of dogs, so it's not purposely --16 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay. Can I just put it as neutrally 17 17 MR CURTIN: Okav. 18 as I can, then, that dogs do die at the facility? 18 One small other question on the "puppy killer". The 19 19 Marshall dog is famous throughout the vivisection MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. So I think Mr Curtin's point is 20 community. It's well known, isn't it? 20 2.1 that, when the protesters shout "puppy killers", that's 21 A. Hmm. 2.2 an emotive description, obviously, but it is born of 2.2 Q. How long has the Marshall beagle been in existence? 2.3 2.3 their belief that the death of the dogs is something A. 80 years almost. 2.4 2.4 80 years. So in this 80 years -- I'll put it to you that ought not to happen. 25 A. Hmm, okay. 25 that the Marshall beagle, more than most other dogs, 69 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Would you accept that? 1 because of the concentration of this particular breed, A. It's not that it ought not to happen, it's --2 would you accept that it's actually -- after decades and 3 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Sorry, I'm not making myself clear. 3 decades of breeding from this very narrow stock, it's an That's my fault. I'm asking you to think of it from the interbred dog that has more than its shares of genetic 5 position of the protesters who are shouting "puppy abnormality? 6 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Mr Curtin, this is now well outside --6 MR CURTIN: It was more the "puppy killers" that put it in 7 7 A. Yes. MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: The reason that they shout that is 8 8 relevance to --9 9 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: It's about -- insofar -- the reason because they are protesting about the deaths of the dogs 10 at the facility -10 I've allowed those questions is because it's 11 A. And it shouldn't happen? 11 a legitimate issue in the case, the impact of your 12 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Yes. 12 protesting activities on the employees of MBR Acres, A. Okay. 13 13 including Ms Pressick. So you've explored that issue. MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Would you accept that that's  $--\ \mathsf{you}$ You've got the answers you've got. 14 14 MR CURTIN: Okay. Good. 15 appreciate that's why they --15 16 So, Susan Pressick, you are the establishment
- 16 A. I understand that more, yes.
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: I think, in fairness to you, your 17
- 18 objection to the word "puppy killers", it makes it sound
- 19 as if you're doing it deliberately --
- 2.0 A. Yes.
- 21 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: -- in a way that that's not what --
- 2.2 that's not a reflection of what takes place?
- 23 A. What we do, yes. Yes.
- 24 MR CURTIN: Okay, I won't go on. I've got one question
- 2.5 about the bleeding, so -- but before I take that, so in

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those words.

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A. Yes.

licence holder --

Q. Do you take it personally or do you take it, "They're

A. It's just not pleasant. It's just not a pleasant

Q. -- but yet -- but you've been called a "puppy killer" --

you've recalled being called a "puppy killer" as you

went in, but you didn't take it personally as such?

experience having to be shouted at in that way, with

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- calling me that because I work in here"? Which one?
- 2 A. You take it personally because we do everything we can
- do correctly. We do things correctly, so (inaudible overspeaking).
- Q. Have you ever been specifically pointed out, "That's the puppy killer", as such?
- A. No, as I described before, it's all of us, when we'removing around on and off site.
- 9 Q. And in a form of legitimate protest, can you have any 10 understanding at all forget the fact that it's 11 unpleasant for you of why that would be a legitimate 12 thing for a protester to shout outside of a very 13 controversial beagle breeding establishment?
- 14 A. I can understand the peaceful protest and the need for
   15 emotion to explain what the protesters are saying. It's
   16 still difficult to accept being shouted at.
- Q. Okay. Forgive me, you do make mention of the drone.
   Could you help me there? Ms Pressick refers to an incident where I'm seen to be flying a drone on
   Facebook.
- 21 MS BOLTON: The drones incident concerning Mr Curtin starts 22 at paragraph 321 and 328 -- sorry, and 333.
- 23 MR CURTIN: That relates to an incident where -- it's on 24 Facebook. It's where I'm seen flying the drone on
- 25 Facebook; yes?

- 3 Site", that paragraph refers to that.
- Q. I don't contest the fact that I do fly the drone but
   it's part of this injunction hearing that, by me flying
- $\,$  the drone, it damages -- well, it doesn't damage your
- 7 company because your company is Bantin & Kingman, but it
- 8 damages your parent company, therefore it damages
  9 MBR Acres. Tell me why the drone, which is ever —— tell
- me why you are seeking or why you complain that —

  11 what's your problem with the drone?
- 12 A. The drone is relating to MBR Acres' site and it flies 13 several times — a few times and it flies to a P—air(?)
- $14\,$  and it follows and looks at the site location, the
- buildings and the movement of people.
- 16 Q. And what's wrong with that?
- 17 A. We're a commercial licensed regulated business. It encroaches on our day—to—day normal activities —
- 19 Q. How?
- 20 A. and I find that difficult to see that environment is 21 encroached with a drone.
- 22 Q. For example -- when you say "encroached", can you give 23 me an example?

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24 A. By flying the drone at heights, various heights -- I'm 25 not privileged to all the heights -- but it actually

- 1 flies above the buildings, persons working, contractors 2 working, our daily activity .
- Q. Why does that encroach your -- you're a licence holder.
   What you do is within the law. Why does that encroach?
- 5 A. Because it steps into our property and our perimeter of
- our business.Q. Is it correct that your business is surrounded by barbed
- 8 wire? You've got a lot of security to keep people out,
- 9 put it that way; do you accept that? The Wyton site is
- 10 surrounded with security measures to keep people out?
- A. Security was increased following the large activity of the protesters in July/August 2021.
- 13 Q. And before that? Before that? I just want to make the
- point that you do everything -- you don't -- okay.
- I ask you again. Tell me one example -- and you might
- $16\,$   $\,$  not like it  $\,--\,$  when you say "encroach on your business
- $17\,$  activities ", give me one single example of any part of
- $18\,$  your business that's not been done, for example, because
- of the drone. Are you aware of a single ...?
- 20 A. Free movement of suppliers, fixing, mending buildings.
- Q. Could you give me an example of -- what do you mean?
   They look up?
- 23 A. I can't refer to evidence that -- maybe -- I can't
- 24 remember -- but there are instances where the suppliers
- are fixing a new window and the drone was above them,

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- $1\,$   $\,$  watching them do that work. The staff have to keep
- 2 facial covered up because that is worrying to be on the
  - media and that's very difficult to work with.
- 4 Q. Okay. So, yes, staff covering their faces is a form of 5 encroachment?
- 6 A. Hmm.

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- 7 Q. But there's no actual -- are you aware of a single day
- 8 when something couldn't be done because of drones
- 9 flying?
- $10\,$   $\,$  A. Not couldn't be done but done very difficultly and
- 11 interrupts our normal flow of the day.
- 12 Q. I'm not understanding. Which -- because a drone is
- 13 there, what would be done differently if a drone wasn't
- 14 there? Give me an example.
- 15 A. Well, the staff walking to and from site locations, they
- $16\,$  have to cover -- they have to be aware, be alert, of the
- 17 drone, for example.
- 18 Q. Okay. Is that it?
- A. No, there's the transfer for suppliers coming on site with feed, bedding putting into warehouse location.
- with feed, bedding, putting into warehouse location.
- 21 Q. And you have to turn people away, suppliers, because of
- the drone? Have you ever had to tell —— you're not the
- $23 \hspace{1cm} \text{manager of the site, are you? In your statement, you're} \\$
- the site manager for B&K.
- 25 A. Yes, I am.

- 1 Q. So are you aware of a single aspect of business -- apart
- 2 from the workers choosing to cover their faces because
- 3 they don't want to be identified, could you tell me one
- 4 single incident where MBR Acres had to not do something
- because a drone was flying? 5
- A. The drones, when they're flying, is interrupting with 6
- 7 the transfer of the animals as well.
- 8 Q. Could we expand on that?
- 9 A. Yes. So, for example, we move the dogs in the carts and
- 10 to keep the dogs relaxed and -- we put them in the truck
- 11 in the crates, which is interrupting the dogs'
- 12 environment as well as our environment.
- 13 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: So just to be clear, what have you been
- required to do differently because you're worried about 14
- 15 the drones? Do you transport them in a different way?
- A Yes 16
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Just describe to me what changes you've 17
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- 19 A. So we would probably take a group of dogs and put them
- in an open cart and move them along to another building 20
- 2.1 or another location. That's purely just transferring
- 22 dogs. By the drone and the interruption, we choose to
- 2.3 put them now and move them with our small van instead.
- 2.4 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay.
- A. And again that's just -- one, it's welfare for the dogs,

- 1 so they're less anxious, and also we cover up our dogs
- 2 like that.
- 3 MR CURTIN: I completely 100% refute what you've just said.
- I put it to you you've just made that up on the spot.
- 5 A. No, because it's clear in the ... we have dogs being
- 6 moved in crates and then we change to moving dogs in
- 7 vans -- in our van.
- 8 Q. What if we were to adjourn now, if I could, and I could 9 show you dogs moved in trolleys in the past month?
- 10 A. I think in instances you can, but we still do move dogs
- 11 with our van as well
- 12 Q. I agree. I've seen that too. I would put it to you
- 13 that's in a real minority of cases and it tends to be
- 14 when there's more dogs. I put it to you that you've
- 15 made that up -- I challenge you absolutely that the
- 16 reason that you're not able to carry the dogs around in
- 17 trolleys anymore and you use a van, it's simply not
- 18 true. It's not true. And I would put it to you that
- 19 because you're not the manager of the site  $--\ I$  don't
- 2.0 know if you -- you're not making this up, are you, about
- 21 the van and "We don't use the trolley anymore" because
- 2.2 I'm telling you it's not true.
- 23 A. I am not -- sorry, I'm not making that up.
- 24 Q. So it's your case -- when did this begin? When did it

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25 begin -- okay. You're a high responsibility in 1 Bantin & Kingman -- you're telling the court you've got

- 2 high responsibility. When was the executive decision
- 3 taken, "We will not transport the dogs in trolleys
- 4 anymore and we have to use vans"? I'd love to know the
- 5 date of that or any recollection you have of this to the
- 6 court.
- 7 A. Because I work closely with the site and the staff
- 8 there, they explain to me, in the past as well, that the
- 9 concern for moving the dogs, they would be easily moved
- 10 in the van. If there's an odd dog or a case where they
- 11 take a dog, yes, maybe the crate, but that is when
- 12 normally the drone is not flying.
- 13 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Can I just ask, the reason for moving
- 14 them in the car rather than the crate, is that because
  - the drone annoys the dogs or irritates them in any way?
- 16 A. It's very distracting and disturbing for the dogs, yes.
- 17 Yes, of course it depends on the height of the drone and 18 when I say --
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Have you ever seen the drone when 19
- 20 you've been at the facility?
- 2.1 A. Yes. ves.

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- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. At what height -- it's 22
- 2.3 difficult to estimate but --
- 2.4 A. Well, it's above building height. It's higher than
- 2.5 building height.

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- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Higher than the building?
- A. Our buildings are single level, but they're still
- 3 reasonably high -- in instances where you step back into
- the building because you're coming to appear on the
- 5 drone footage
- 6 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Can I ask this question, which is: the
- 7 objection that you take to the drone flying is more
- 8 because it's recording -- you know it's recording what's
- 9 taking place --
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- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN:  $\,--\,$  rather than it being an irritation 11
- 12 or a danger or anything like that. It's the concept of
- 13 being monitored?
- 14 A. It's the monitoring.
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. 15
- 16 MR CURTIN: I'd say it is the monitoring. You don't want to
- be monitored. Do you feel like no one should  $--\ \mbox{why}$ 17
- 18 should anyone monitor you? No one has got any right to
- 19 monitor you?
- 2.0 A. No.
- 21 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: I don't think that's a fair question,
- 2.2
- 23 MR CURTIN: Do you understand why some people would see it

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- 24 correctly that your company is being monitored?
- 2.5 A. I don't understand why we need to be closely monitored

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- 1 like that. I find it difficult to understand why it's 1 2 so close 2 3 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: I think Mr Curtin's point is it's 3 4 closely aligned to the idea that the company has been 4 A. Yes. exactly. 5 the target of protest activity so there are a group of 5 people who are very interested in the activities because 6 6 7 they are fundamentally opposed to it. So I think 7 Mr Curtin's point is that that's the reason that they 8 8 9 want to monitor is because of -- it's all linked to and 9 10 rooted in the protest. Would that be a fair summary? 10 11 A. Yes, it's what they feel they need to do, yes. 11 MR CURTIN: And I go back to the -- I really want to go to 12 12 year, of dogs in trolleys. I put it to you that the 13 this point. So what responsibility do you have at 13 14 14 MBR Acres in relation to, for example, moving the dogs 15 around the site. What responsibility do you have? You 15 16 16 may have heard a story about they're now using a van. 17 Is it your responsibility for how the dogs are moved 17 18 around the site, in a van or a truck? 18 right? 19 19 A. It is my responsibility but it's ultimately the staff's 20 responsibility, all our responsibility (overspeaking -2.0 2.1 inaudible). 21 2.2 Q. You're telling the court, because of the drone, there 22 2.3 2.3 was a decision made at one point, "We will not transport precise operation so you couldn't comment on --2.4 in trolleys anymore. Because of the drone we will have 2.4 25 to use the van". Is this the case you're making? 2.5 A. We would make the decision to make sure it's safe. 1 2. Q. When? I really need to tie it down because I'm 2. 3 putting to you that you're actually making this up. 3 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: No, Mr Curtin, just get the -- the date 5 is important. 5
  - 6 MR CURTIN: Sorry.
  - 7 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Get the date as best as Ms Pressick can 8 remember it. The rest of what you want to say is for
  - 9 later in the trial; all right? Can you remember?
- 10 A. It would be a year ago, at least.
- 11 MR CURTIN: So a year ago an important managerial decision 12 was taken with you involved where they've -- because of the drone, "We will not move the dogs around in trolleys 13 anymore because it's too invasive. The dogs get scared 14 15 by the drone. We'll now use a van". A year ago that 16 decision was taken and you were part of that decision;
- 17 18 A. Approximately a year ago. It depended on the situation

assessed at the time as well.

MR CURTIN: Okav. 2.0

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- 2.1 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: I think in fairness to Ms Pressick,
- 2.2 because I think you may be at risk of making this
- 2.3 a bigger point than it is, because Ms Pressick, I think
- 2.4 her evidence -- we can look back at the transcript, but
- 25 I think her evidence was they would still move the dogs

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- in crates as they were already used to doing if they were satisfied that there was no drone around or
- something like that. Is that it?
- MR CURTIN: Okay. I would put it to you -- I live there.
- You may travel once a week, I live there and I do fly
- the drone, and throughout the whole of this year, let
- alone last year, I've never -- I have not noticed the
- pattern that you're talking about. In fact -- well,
- I personally have taken many, many, many, many hours of
- footage in the past three months, let alone in the past
- mechanism you're talking about isn't in operation at
- MBR. You may think it is but it's not. The dogs
- routinely get moved in trolleys whether the drone is up
- or not. I put it to you that --
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Mr Curtin, you need the answers; all
- Mr Curtin is saying that he's at the site regularly, has flown the drone and he has many hours of footage of
- dogs being moved in crates. Do you accept that that may
- be correct or is correct or that you're not aware of the
- A. I'm not fully aware but I'm aware that both they use the
- van and the trolley.

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- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okav.
- MR CURTIN: They do use the van and the trolley, but you
  - said because of the drone there was a decision taken --
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay, Mr Curtin, we've got that on the
- transcript. What you want to make of the evidence is
- 6 a matter for later in the trial  $\,--\,$  all right?  $\,--\,$  and
  - it's lunchtime now.

- MR CURTIN: I've got just a few more. 8
- 9 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, we're going to have to come back
- 10 anyway because the rule is that Ms Bolton -- well, first
- 11 of all Ms Jaffray needs to ask any questions she wants
- 12 to ask and then the convention is that Ms Bolton gets
- 13 the opportunity to ask any further questions that she's
- 14 got, so we can't finish before lunchtime; all right?
- 15 MR CURTIN: Just to help the court. I've got three to four
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- more questions and no new areas to explore --
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. Okay. 17
- 18 MR CURTIN:  $\,--\,$  so we can hopefully have Ms Pressick ...
- 19 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: All right. Good. Ms Pressick, over
- 2.0 lunchtime -- I may have given you this warning before
- 21 but it's a warning to all witnesses. It's nothing
- 2.2 personal to you -- please don't discuss your evidence
- 23 with anybody. It's just important that there's no
- 2.4 suggestion that you're in any way influenced, so it's
- 25 more to protect you; all right?

- 1 A. All right.
- 2 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: So just enjoy your lunchtime and I'll
- 3 see you at 2 o'clock.
- 4 (1.04 pm)
  - (The short adjournment)
- 6 (2.01 pm)

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- 7 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right, Mr Curtin, yes.
- 8 MR CURTIN: Yes, Ms Pressick, a couple more things. I don't
  - think there's anything new. I just have a list of
- 10 things that I want to confirm. You've talked of the
- $11 \qquad \hbox{reason why Marshall is importing dogs into this country,} \\$
- because of a shortfall of a certain type of dog; yes?
- 13 A. Hmm-hmm.
- 14 Q. And I spoke to you earlier about there is the Marshall
- 15 beagle. Are you aware that there's another laboratory
- $16 \qquad \quad \mathsf{beagle} \; -- \; \mathsf{another} \; \mathsf{breeder?} \; \; \mathsf{You've} \; \mathsf{mentioned} \; \mathsf{them}$
- 17 already, Envigo.
- 18 A. Envigo, yes.
- $19\,$   $\,$  Q. So there's the Marshall beagle. What possible
- shortcoming could there be in this country with
- MBR Acres' functioning? Is it because -- Envigo was
- shut down in the US. Do you know that?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Do you know why it was shut down?
- 25 A. Violation found in the US at that --

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- 1 Q. Pardon?
- 2 A. Violation in that facility at the US.
- 3 Q. So animal yes, violations. Animal welfare 4 violations?
- 5 A. I don't know the full detail. I just know it's the US
- and it was violation.
   Q. Do you have any memory of the judge intervening and the
- 8 whole 4,000 dogs liberated ——
- 9 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay, Mr Curtin, we're going off piste
- 10 again now.
- 11 MR CURTIN: Are you aware that Marshalls have violations in
- 12 America? Are you aware?
- 13 A. Of US? Not fully aware of the US.
- 14 Q. Even though your boss —— if I was to put it to you there
  15 had been 18 violations, would you ...?
- 16 A. The companies and the countries are separate for me.
- 17 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Yes, don't worry about it, Ms Pressick.
- 18 It's not relevant, Mr Curtin.
- 19 MR CURTIN: Good. The reason why the dogs are being
- 20 imported from Marshalls, is it because of just a pure
- 21 number -- you talked of shortcomings in a special type
- $22\,$  of dog. Are you aware of another type of dog that
- 23 laboratories ask for?
- $24\,$   $\,$  A. It's not the special type of dog. It's the beagle dog
- 25 that we breed that are required by the customer that may

produce a shortfall to meet that specification. It's not the type of dog.

- 3 Q. Okay. So MBR Acres, are you oversubscribed? What
- 4 is it?

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- 5 A. It can be either because the amount we've got to supply
- $\,\,$ 6 to customers or the group of dogs is not readily
- 7 available for that requirement by the study.
- 8 Q. Because we see from the FOI(?) there's numbers of dogs,
  - isn't there? Does it make any sense if -- people do
- order them in batch -- do the customers order them in
- 11 batches of dogs to fulfil tests? 32?
- 12 A. Normally groups of dogs are requested.
- 13 Q. We talked before about the welfare. I believe the next
- 14 witness is going to talk about the welfare problems if
- MBR Acres was shut down. But you're -- as things exist
- 16 at the minute, you're shipping dogs into this country
- 17 for commercial reasons; yes?
- 18 A. A small group, small amount.
- 19 Q. Good. Are you aware -- you've talked about my past as
- 20 being someone who has been involved for a long time,
- you've seen me on the megaphone facilitating demos.
- Are you aware of any contact that I, Mr Curtin, had with
- 23 the police liaison? If there was trouble at the camp or
- something, do you have any awareness at all, if you've
- got such a close contact with MBR Acres, that a go-to

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- 1 person for the protesters for the police would be
- 2 Mr Curtin?
- 3 A. That's privileged between the police and ourselves --
- 4 sorry, with the police and yourselves.
- 5 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: You don't know?
- 6 A. We don't have that information. I don't know.
- 7 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: In your discussions with the police,
- 8 have they ever mentioned that they go to Mr Curtin?
- 9 A. No. not to me.
- 10 MR CURTIN: And just to confirm that your understanding of
- 11 paragraph 35 -- when you write that, "it is a legal
- 12 requirement that all potential new medicines intended
- for human use are tested in two species of mammal", all
- 14 those legal requirements, that goes under the ASPA
- 15 regulations; yes?
- 16 A. That goes under the licence request application.
- $17\,$  Q. We talked about the legal requirement, and that is
  - covered by ASPA --
- 18 covered by 19 A. Some —
- 20 Q. -- so you're still saying it's a legal requirement that
- 21 these --
- 22 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Mr Curtin, we covered this. You're at
- 23 cross—purposes because Ms Pressick is saying two things
- $24\,$   $\,$  in that paragraph, as I  $\,$  recall . The first is the
- licensing arrangements under which MBR Acres operate and

1 then there are the separate legal requirements as to break-in. 2 what is required by way of animal testing. Q. I put it to you that immediately after the animal 2 3 MR CURTIN: Yes, exactly. The legal requirements and the 3 rebellion was the first time that overnight dog patrols 4 only (inaudible - overspeaking) it's all covered by 4 were used; is that correct? A. Possibly, yes. 5 5 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: We dealt with that this morning. MR CURTIN: Possibly, yes. Good. I think that's all the 6 6 7 MR CURTIN: So the legal requirement to ... 7 questions I have. MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: All right. Thank you very much. 8 I think one more question for you. So you talked 8 9 about extra security costs and that came in  $--\ I$  think 9 Right, Ms Jaffray, it's your opportunity now to ask 10 10 I interrupted you. I think you were talking about the Ms Pressick any questions that you have. 11 animal rebellion when people came in and -- some people 11 MS JAFFRAY: Okay. I shouldn't have too many. 12 12 would say "stole", some people would say "liberated" --Cross-examination by MS JAFFRAY 13 13 MS JAFFRAY: So I just want to refer to point 105.5. MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: No, in fact her evidence was that it There's a referral to assaults on staff. 14 14 15 was back in 2021. In the summer of 2021, when the 15 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Sorry, 105.5? protests began, they increased their security. That's 16 MS IAFFRAY: Yes 16 17 the evidence that Ms Pressick gave. MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. Ms Pressick is just getting 17 18 MR CURTIN: Okay. Are you aware of a spike in security 18 that witness statement ready. 19 since the -- are you aware of the animal rebellion? 19 MS JAFFRAY: Sure. It's page 30. They came on two occasions, they broke in and they've 20 20 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Yes, page 30 of the witness statement, 2.1 taken dogs from the site? 2.1 the internal pagination. Right, so it's: 2.2 A. I'm aware of the break-ins. The security question, we 22 "Assaults on staff accessing and exiting the Wyton 2.3 2.3 increased it because the protester activity got very Site and their cars being hit.' 2.4 2.4 high and --What was the question you wanted to ask? 2.5 Q. But -- no, no, protesters have always been there. 25 MS JAFFRAY: What are the assaults on staff that have been 89 1 What do you mean "very high"? I want you to specify 1 done? I'm not aware of any assaults that have happened 2 what you mean. Taken in, breaking in and taking dogs --2 3 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: You've got to ask -- the important 3 A. The reference to that is that -- the banners, the thing about asking questions, you have to give a short placards, items being thrown at their cars and being 5 direct question and then you have to let the witness 5 6 Q. I'm not aware of any items being thrown at cars either 6 answer; okay? 7 7 Now, Ms Pressick, you were explaining to us that because the police would have dealt with that at the 8 8 you'd increased your level of security because of the 9 9 protester activity in I think June/July 2021. You were A. The police would deal with that. 10 just explaining that to me. 10 Q. Okay, so there's been no assaults on staff, it's been 11 A. Yes. So we increased it because of the number of 11 protesting out the front; is that what you mean? 12 protests on protest days as well and we reviewed it 12 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, I think let's just clarify what you mean by "assault". "Assault" can mean different 13 ongoing since then, and at a certain point in the last 13 14 14 things. In common usage it means striking somebody year we introduced security with a dog on a weekend and 15 15 since then it's changed. physically. Is that what you're referring to? 16 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. Now, Mr Curtin, if you want to 16 A. No, I'm referring to assault by approaching and hitting 17 ask about whether there was any increase in the security 17 with the cars -- the banners. 18 following the break-ins, then that's the question you 18 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: It's about hitting the cars. 19 ask next. 19 MS JAFFRAY: Right. Hitting the cars, not the staff, okay. 2.0 MR CURTIN: Yes 2.0 So the convoy system, that was set up in June 2021,

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Was there a marked increase of security after people

actually, let's say, broke into the site? For example

the dogs -- the addition of the dogs, was it a direct

A. It was both. It was the situation ongoing and the first

result of the animal rebellion actions?

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that's no longer necessary, so why do you feel that's no

There's still not as strong a convoy but they still

Q. So although I haven't been there recently myself, from

travel between a set time and in a set group.

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- 1 what I've heard, staff arrive at all different times
  - now, not necessarily in a convoy as such anymore, so it
- 3 seems that the risk, alleged risk to the staff, has 4 absolutely decreased.
- 5 A. It's much calmer due to the injunction in place, but the
- calmness is still managed by the staff travelling 6 7
- between 7.30/8.00 am and leaving at 4.00 pm, so they
- 8 still are travelling, although in separate cars, in 9 a group.
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- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right.
- MS JAFFRAY: Okay. So even though some staff members leave 11 12 at 5.30 and 6 o'clock now?
- 13 A. Probably security do that. Security --
- 14 Q. No, members of staff.
- 15 A. It may be occasionally where a car leaves just before
- 16 the security leave.
- 17 Q. Okay, Mr Curtin might be able to give more information 18 on that than myself. I haven't been there for quite 19
- 2.0 Okay. So are you aware that the police no longer 2.1 facilitate the vans taking the dogs out of the site?
- 22 A. I'm aware there isn't the higher police presence at the
- 2.3 site when the vans leave or come on to site. 2.4 Q. Okav. so the police presence decreased from -- I'm sure
- 25 you saw it in the media -- an absolutely absurd amount

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- 1 of police the first few occasions -- decreased down to
- 2 a few riot vans, decreased right down to a police car,
- 3 then there was just a couple of police and now there are no police.
- 5 A. Yes, that's true.
- Q. Right. Okay. I'll come back to that. I'm not sure 6 7 what it was.
- 8 So you refer to a situation when there were dog 9 crates placed at the gates by protesters. Are you aware 10 of what happened that day and why protesters felt the
- 11 need to do that? 12 A. I do remember -- I'd have to refresh -- that dog crates
- 13 were collected and -- do you mean positioned at the 14 front of the gate, the blockade?
- 15 Q. Yes, the blockade, yes.
- 16 A. I don't --
- ${\sf Q.\ \ Do\ you\ remember\ why\ --\ sorry.}$ 17
- 18 A. I don't know why that action was taken, but ...
- 19 Q. Okay, so that happened on one occasion, and that was
- 2.0 when there were significant concerns about the welfare
- 21 of dogs being put in staff members' cars and the police facilitated that between the protesters and the staff
- 23 members, to get that sorted out. So that only happened
- 2.4 on the one occasion.
- 25 Okay. So with reference to the drone, staff members

- can still be seen from the perimeter fence, so why is
  - there an issue with them being seen from the drone when
- 3 they can actually be seen anyway by people just down the
- 4 side of the facility?
- 5 A. Okay, people moving along the perimeter fence can look
- in and shout and -- the drones are more intrusive than 6
  - that, to see the whole facility and our management, our staff.
- 9 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Is that at your end, Ms Jaffray?
- 10 MS JAFFRAY: It will stop in a minute, sorry.
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Did you hear? The answer was that the 11
- 12 drone --
- 13 MS JAFFRAY: I did. Yes, it's more intrusive, okay. So
- staff members pushed the trolleys with dogs right by the 14
- 15 perimeter fencing, so they can't feel that threatened by
- 16 being seen by protesters and they do this unmasked, so
- 17 I'm not sure why they feel vulnerable with the drone
- 18 there if they're happy going about their daily duties
- 19 like that. The dogs -- seeing the dogs is a really
- 2.0 emotive obviously thing for protesters to see, so to 21
- push them right up against the boundary fence where 22 protesters can see them, I fail to see why the drone as
- 2.3 such is such an intrusion.
- 2.4 The drone is more of an intrusion to watching the
- 25 activity as well, which is movement in and out of the

- 1 units, transfer of the staff, staff in particular, their
- 2 identity, the movement of our animals, the business of
  - what we continue every day.
- Q. Okay, but the movement of the animals, the staff quite
- 5 often will do that by the perimeter fence so it's not
- actually being concealed as such. 6
- 7 A. I'd have to understand the incidences of that.
- 8 Q. Okay. We can play it at a later time, maybe, but there
- 9 is video footage of the dogs being pushed in trolleys
- 10 right next to the perimeter fences, I would say
- 11 purposely to antagonise the protesters, so having drones
- 12 up actually doesn't expose them any more than what
- 13 they're doing themselves.
- 14 A. The drone is a different issue to the perimeter fence.
- 15 The perimeter fence is limited to the side of the
  - buildings. The drone is movement across the site and
- 17 parallel both ways across the site so it's a very
- 18 different activity to have each day.
- 19 Q. Okay. So just to clarify , then I'll move on, do you
- 2.0 accept that protesters seeing the dogs is probably the
- 21 biggest thing that they can see, the most emotional
- 2.2 part? This is why we are protesting. Seeing them is
- 23 the biggest part of the campaign. So staff pushing them

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2.4 at the perimeter fences is actually a lot worse than

2.5 a drone seeing staff walking between buildings?

- 1 A. I would agree that it's for the animals' welfare that we
- 2 challenged and changed some of our processes. I would
- 3 need to be shown to answer the movement of the dogs in 4 a crate along the perimeter fence.
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- Q. Okay, I'll leave that one there. Okay. Just a personal point you made. What number would you think would 6
- 7 qualify as "a number of"? How many would you think
- 8 "a number of" would be?
- 9 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: You need more context than that,
- 10 Ms Jaffray. So if you're referring to some part of
- 11 Ms Pressick's witness statement, can you show us which 12 paragraph vou're referring to?
- 13 MS JAFFRAY: I can do.
- While I try and find it, I can tell you anyway. So 14
- 15 you have stated that me, personally, sent something to
- 16 a number of members of staff. I just wondered what you 17 think would be "a number of".
- 18 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, the direct question is —— "How
- 19 many members of staff do you say that I've sent things
- 20 to?" is the question.
- 2.1 MS JAFFRAY: Yes, that's a better way of phrasing it, yes.
- 2.2 A. A small number, but -- not the full members of staff.
- Q. What would you say would be a small number? 2.3
- 2.4 A. I would say that it's under ten.
- Q. Where have you got the information from, can I ask?

- 1 A. Sorry, I don't quite understand which reference of --
- O. Okav, I'm sorry --
- 3 A. — (inaudible — overspeaking) you're referring to.
- Q. I am trying to find it . So it's with regard to funeral
- 5 brochures being sent to members of staff, and there's
- allegations that a few have been sent to a few staff 6
- members. 7
- MS BOLTON: My Lord, I don't think it's this witness. 8
- 9 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Ms Jaffray, I'm being told that
- 10 Ms Pressick hasn't given that evidence. It's another
- 11 witness. I'm not sure whether that's right or not. I'm 12 looking at Ms Pressick's statement.
- 13 MS JAFFRAY: I don't know if I'm able to ask it. How much
- 14 assistance have the police given with each of the 15 employee's statements regarding the protesters?
- 16 A. How much police support ...
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, have the police in any way had an 17 18 impact or have they had a contribution to make to your
- 19 witness statement?
- 2.0 A. They've had none to my witness statement.
- 21 MS JAFFRAY: Do you know about other employees? Have they 2.2
- been helped and supported?
- 23 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, you may need to be more specific

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- 2.4 and I'm questioning whether Ms Pressick would
- 2.5 necessarily know the answer to that question. You can

1 ask whether -- do you know whether the police have been

- 2 involved with assisting any of the other people who have
- 3 made witness statements?
- 4 A Not in this case
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. 5
- MS JAFFRAY: Is that you're not aware or that, no, they 6
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- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: "Not in this case" was the answer. 8
- 9 MS JAFFRAY: Okay, so I can ask the individual staff members 10
- 11 So at some point I remember hearing that MBR have
- 12 claimed they haven't employed staff to replace the ones
  - who have left: is that correct?
- 14 A. MBR have continued to replace people who have left.
- 15 It's a continual programme.
- 16 Q. Maybe I misread that. I thought it said that they had
- 17 not employed staff to replace them. So have you heard
- 18 of the term "compassion fatigue" in animal personnel
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- 20 A. "Compassion ..."? Sorry, I'm ...
- 2.1 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Have you heard the term "compassion
- 2.2 fatigue"?
- 2.3 A. Compassion fatigue — you can get compassion fatigue,
- 2.4
- 25 MS JAFFRAY: It's widely known in animal research, animal

- 1 welfare industry, that a lot of staff suffer from
- 2 compassion fatigue so it could be the case that the
- 3 staff turnover has been for other reasons than the
- protesters being there.
- 5 A. Can we refer to a reference, please? I'm starting to
- 6 not quite understand.
- 7 Q. Yes.
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, no, it's a legitimate question. 8
- 9 I think what the question is is essentially a number of
- 10 the staff have left. It is said that a factor in staff
- 11 leaving is the activities of the protesters.
- 12 Ms Jaffray's point is that it may be down to other
- 13 factors as well . To what extent -- the question is: to
- 14 what extent do you know that staff turnover is
- 15 attributable to the protesters?
- 16 A. It's mostly attributable to the protesters.
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. Do you carry out exit 17
- 18 interviews?
- 19 A. Yes, we -- yes.
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: And would it feature in those in 2.0
- 21 relation to their explaining their reasons for leaving?
- 2.2 A. Their reasons, yes.
- 23 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. Okay.
- 24 MS JAFFRAY: And you've personally seen these exit
- 2.5 interviews?

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- A. Well, our HR would have those --
- Q. Okay. And that's the feedback that you received as to 2
- 3 why they've left their role?
- 4 A. When they're giving notice to leave, they explain that
- they can't continue to carry out coming on to site every 5
- 6 day through the situation.
- 7 Q. Right. Okay. How often have staff from B&K had to
- travel to the Wyton site specifically to cover staff 8
- 9 shortages?
- 10 A. Probably a few months last year.
- 11 Q. Would that be daily or weekly or ...?
- 12 A. It would be weekly.
- 13 Q. So once a week a member of staff travelled or how many
- members of staff would you think? 14
- 15 A. A small number, but the time they travel would be for
- 16 a block of a week period, to allow for travel and
- 17 working on the site.
- 18 Q. Right. Okay. Are you aware of any occasion that the
- 19 protesters have stopped staff from entering the site?
- A. Am I aware that the protesters have stopped staff? 20
- 21 Q. Stopped staff members, yes, from entering the site.
- 2.2 A. There has been instances where the site entrance has 2.3 been blocked by protesters not moving to clear the way.
- 2.4 There's been delays in staff having to come on to site.
- 25 Q. Okay. So I would put to you actually that, when the

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- 1 camp was set up, there was a unanimous decision that
- staff would never be hindered from entering the site 2
- 3 because the dogs obviously is our primary concern and we
- would not stop staff from entering because the dogs
- 5 needed to be fed, they needed to be tended to, they
- 6 needed to be cleaned out, et cetera. I'm not aware of
- 7 any occasion that staff have been stopped -- prevented  $\,$
- 8 from going on site.
- 9 A. They've been delayed. That was my answer. There's been
- 10 a delav
- 11 Q. Okay. I'm not aware of that either. I think the
- 12 protesters have been there with their placards. At the
- 13 early days the police were there to facilitate them in, 14 obviously not knowing what protesters were going to do.
- 15 They've certainly not been delayed by more than seconds.
- 16 I would think. They can't drive very fast in what
- 17 I call the "access driveway". They'd be going at like
- 18 5 miles an hour anyway. So I don't think there's been
- 19 any delays with them entering.
- 2.0 So with the contractors who have stopped working 21 with MBR due to the protests being there, would you be
- 2.2 aware that some of these contractors have stopped
- 2.3 because they've been made aware of what MBR do?
- 2.4 A. Some I don't know why. Some I do know that the drivers

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25 don't like coming through the protest. 21

- 14 MS JAFFRAY: Okay. So the extra security —— I think
  - 15  $\operatorname{Mr}$  Curtin has covered this -- this was not down to the

Q. Okay. And some have stopped because they've become

A. I -- yes, I would say. I'm not fully privileged to the

Q. Yes, okay. Thank you. So welfare issues for the dogs

What welfare concerns are there if the dogs are

remaining at MBR Acres for longer than planned?

when animal transport has not been able to be made.

MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, Ms Jaffray, that's, I'm afraid,

the same territory that Mr Curtin went into. It's not

reasons for all of the suppliers. They've described that they would prefer not to come back to site.

have raised the awareness.

aware of what MBR Acres does because of the protesters

- protesters; is that right? It's down to a group who 16 17 liberated some dogs?
- 18 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, in fairness, I think the fair

a relevant issue in this litigation.

- 19 summary of Ms Pressick's evidence is that they increased
- 20 the security at the Wyton site because of the protest
- activities initially, so that's in the summer of 2021, 22 and then there were further increases in security
- 2.3 following the break-ins.
- 2.4 MS JAFFRAY: Right, okay. So regarding insurance for lease
- 25 cars for members of staff -- so, for example, when

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- 1 I worked for the NHS, some of my colleagues worked with
- 2 quite risky patients. They were never given a lease car
  - so they could protect themselves when they left work.
- Why is there a need for staff to have lease cars
- 5 financed for them? What relevance has that got to the
- 6 protests being there?
- 7 A. If I understand, the finance is not for the staff
- 8 member, it's additional cost to have lease cars for the
- 9 (inaudible - overspeaking).
- 10 Yes, that's what I meant.
- 11 Is that what you meant?
- 12 Q. So the staff members have paid for them; do you mean?
- 13 A. No, the company pays for the lease cars. They're hire
- 14 cars. They've hired cars for short periods of time.
- 15 There's no cost to the staff member.
- 16 Q. Okay. Why have the company felt that they had to do
- 17 this for the members of staff?
- 18 A. Well, one, so they're not using their own cars for
- 19 business and, two, we had quite a few people travelling
- 2.0 so it made sense to have some hire cars. So we use the
- 21 hire cars rather than staff members' cars when they're
- 2.2 travelling distance and for insurance.
- 23 Okay. That was the choice of MBR, not specifically
- 2.4 because cars were being damaged when they went in, for
- 2.5 example?

- $1\,$  A. The choice at the time was to make sure that the staff
- $2 \hspace{1cm} \text{had the right car, the right insurance and they were} \\$
- 3 company—supported
- $4\,$   $\,$  MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Can I just ask, when did you start that
- 5 process of having hire cars?
- 6 A. Quite soon. It would go back to early 2022 at least.
- 7 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. Is it for all employees or just
- 8 those who wanted it?
- 9 A. For any employee that has to travel for business or the company.
- 11 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. So are there any employees that
- $12 \hspace{1cm} \text{are still using their own cars for coming to and from} \\$
- 13 work?
- 14 A. No, no.
- 15 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right.
- 16 A. Not to site not to site at all.
- 17 MS JAFFRAY: I think there is. I think Mr Curtin could
- probably agree with that, that there are still people
- 19 using their own personal cars.
- 20 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, I'm not entirely sure how you
- 21 would know that, Ms Jaffray, because I can't imagine --
- 22 I don't imagine that hire cars are necessarily
- 23 emblazoned with the name of the hiring company on them,
- 24 but --
- 25 A. Yes, some of the cars are quite distinctive and they've

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- 1 been travelling in since the very beginning.
- 2 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay.
- 3 MS BOLTON: My Lord, I think we're talking at
- 4 cross—purposes. I think there's confusion, just so the
- 5 right questions can be asked to the witness.
- 6 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay.
- 7 MS BOLTON: I think the witness is talking about something
  - completely different . I don't think she's talking about
- 9 the staff at the Wyton site going to the Wyton site
- 10 daily . I think she might be talking -- I'll let her 11 explain .
- 11 explain.

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- 12 A. Oh, okay. So I'm answering the question on the basis
  13 that staff travelling from one company to the other
- 13 that staff travelling from one company to the other
- 14 company —
- 15 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Oh, you're talking about B&K?
- $16 \quad \text{ A. Any staff travelling to another site has a company} \\$
- 17 car --
- 18 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right.
- 19~ A. -- where -- sorry -- staff's own cars, they drive to
- $20 \qquad \text{work as anyone would drive to work}.$
- 21 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Oh, okay.
- 22 MS BOLTON: The insurance issue arises, my Lord, because
- you're sending staff to a different business so their
- $24\,$   $\,$  social/pleasure use, which allows them to go to their
- 25 permanent place of work, doesn't cover them if they then

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- 1 have to go to a different site.
- 2 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right, okay.
- 3 MS JAFFRAY: So there has been no lease cars used for staff
- 4 members that work at Wyton and travel to Wyton each day?
- 5 The lease cars have all been funded for staff that are
- 6 travelling from one site to another; is that right?
- 7 A. Just to make it clear that the —— if a staff member was 8 moving on business required for transfer to another site
  - or training or some other location, a company car --
- 10 hire car is normally provided with insurance. Travel to
- and from work and home is your own private car.
- 12 Q. Right, okay. I think we've covered that one. So this
- one you might not be able to answer actually. It might
- 14 be better to ask the individual members of staff.
- 15 I just wondered, when compiling the video evidence, how
- that was actually done. Have staff members gone back
- and watched them and then pulled out protesters that
- they think they could name and state that this
- 10 they think they could hame and state that th
- 19 particular protester was behaving --
- 20 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Ms Jaffray, you need to establish first
- $21\,$  whether Ms Pressick knows anything about that process.
- 22 She may, she may not.
- 23 MS JAFFRAY: Okay.
- 24 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Do you know about how individual
- 25 witnesses have prepared their statements?

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- $1 \quad \text{A. They do them separately themselves with the} \ \dots$
- 2 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: With the solicitors?
- 3 A. Yes
- 4 MS JAFFRAY: Is that the same ——
- 5 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Ms Jaffray, she's not been part of the
- 6 process of sitting with the individual employee as they
- 7 make their statement. The procedure, as would be
- 8 normally the case, is the witness would be seen by the
- 9 solicitors and the solicitors will take the witness
- 10 statement from the individual.
- 11 MS JAFFRAY: Right, and that's the same with the videos,
- 12 is it?
- 13 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Yes.
- 14 MS JAFFRAY: Yes, okay,
- So the last question. So if the interim injunction
  - is granted, do you think that everything would go back
- to normal, how it was before the protesters arrived?
- 18 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: I think you mean, do you, the
- injunction that's already in place, if that were
- 20 continued?
- 21 MS JAFFRAY: Yes.
- 22 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. Would it go back to normal?
- 23 A. If the injunction continues and is approved to final
- stage, that wouldn't go back to normal because it's
- improved immensely the situation from 2021. So it

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1	wouldn't revert back to a normal status if that's the	1	speculation. You don't $$ the controversy at MBR Acres,
2	purpose of the injunction.	2	the height of the emotions, is clearly based around the
3	MS JAFFRAY: So you think the injunction as it stands at the	3	dogs. That's what happened before. In
4	moment is rectifying any of the issues that came about	4	Bantin & Kingman, when you were going to have a dog
5	with the protest camp being there?	5	factory, it created a massive furore. Have you got any
6	A. It has improved and calmed the situation.	6	current plans to build a dog breeding facility at
7	MS JAFFRAY: Right, okay. That's all I needed to ask.	7	Bantin & Kingman?
8	Thank you.	8	A. There's no applications to the authorities.
9	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: All right. Thank you very much,	9	Q. What do you base this $$ it's pure supposition. Has
10	Ms Jaffray.	10	there been one demonstration in the time $$ 20 months,
11	MR CURTIN: Could I ask one question $$ you can say "No" $$	11	there's been one demonstration, a small demonstration.
12	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Go on.	12	A. I think I answered that earlier where there was one
13	MR CURTIN: —— before the cross—examination [sic]?	13	demonstration. There is some media mention of B&K $$
14	Further cross—examination by MR CURTIN	14	Q. What about if I was to say to you that $$
15	MR CURTIN: In terms of $$ do you know why the dogs are	15	A. Sorry, sorry.
16	flown via Denmark? Surely if it's about animal welfare	16	Q. I'm sorry.
17	and speed, why do the dogs have to go through Denmark	17	A. $$ and there is also a poster at the moment to announce
18	and then (inaudible), do you know? I'm asking do you	18	a protest at B&K, July-time.
19	know.	19	Q. Okay. I put it to you that it's baseless supposition.
20	A. I don't specifically know, but the flight has to go	20	It's guesswork that the
21	through a European area to get to the UK $$ transfer to	21	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: That's really about submission. That's
22	the UK.	22	about submission, Mr Curtin, a different phase in the
23	Q. Well, the UK is in Europe, isn't it?	23	trial .
24	A. Well, it's ——	24	MR CURTIN: One last question before I sit down. I put it
25	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, not anymore. Only	25	to you that the way that Marshalls treat dogs, you don't
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1	geographically.	1	treat them as dogs, you treat them as objects.
2	MR CURTIN: Are you saying it has to do it because it has to	2	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Mr Curtin, that's not
3	go into —— what are you saying, what's your answer,	3	Right.
4	because we are in kind of Europe still $$ maybe not part	4	MS BOLTON: No re-examination, my Lord.
5	of the EU $$ but why do the dogs go via Denmark?	5	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Thank you very much.
6	A. It's not necessarily Denmark. It's Europe that they	6	Thank you very much, Ms Pressick. That completes
7	transfer into because they're travelling from the US $$	7	your evidence. You can take a place back $$
8	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Do you happen to know why that $$ is	8	A. Can I keep those I've been given?
9	there a regulatory reason why that's the case?	9	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Yes, of course. You might need to pass
10	A. It's just the flights.	10	them over to your solicitors . They'll probably want to
11	MR CURTIN: Are you aware of your parent company, all the	11	copy them.
12	way over in America —— are you aware of any connection	12	A. Oh, right. Okay.
13	between America, before it gets to Bantin & Kingman,	13	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: But take them with you.
14	a business in Denmark, Great Divide ApS? Have you ever	14	(The witness withdrew)
15	heard of Great Divide ApS in your life?	15	MS BOLTON: My Lord, is it a good time for an Opus break
16	A. I'm not aware of them.	16	before we start the next witness?
17	Q. You're not aware of them. It's your holding company.	17	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: All right. Thank you, everybody.
18	A. I'm not privileged to the US structure of the company.	18	(2.42 pm)
19	Q. You mean you've never heard of Great ——	19	(A short break)
20	A. I have heard of it.	20	(2.55 pm)
21	Q. Oh, you have heard of it.	21	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. Ms Bolton.

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MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Mr Curtin, we're off piste again now.

injunction to Bantin & Kingman because you think it's

MR CURTIN: Part of the injunction, you want to extend the

going to happen. I put it to you that that's pure

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MS BOLTON: My Lord, the claimants would call their second

witness, which is Wendy Jarrett. My Lord, you'll find

Ms Jarrett's statement starts at page 1166 in the

persons unknown trial bundle.

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- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Thank you. 1
- 2 MS WENDY JARRETT (affirmed)
- 3 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Ms Jarrett, feel free to take a seat
- 4 during your evidence or stand, as you wish, whichever
- 5 you're more comfortable with. A. Thank you.
- Examination-in-chief by MS BOLTON 7
- 8 MS BOLTON: Ms Jarrett, good afternoon. Could you please
- 9 give the court your full name and occupation? 10 A. Yes, my name is Wendy Jarrett and I am the chief
- 11 executive of an organisation called "Understanding
- 12 Animal Research".
- 13 Q. Ms Jarrett, there should be a bundle in front of you --
- it may already be at the right page, I'm not sure --14
- 15 with your witness statement, which will be at page 1166.
- A Yes 16
- 17 Q. May I ask, can you just turn through that statement to
- 18 page 1174, please? It should be the end of the text of
- 19 vour statement.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 2.1 Q. Is that your signature?
- 2.2 A. Yes, it is. Yes.
- $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Q}}.$  And are the papers that follow it , at exhibits 1175 to 2.3
- 2.4 1248 -- is that the exhibit to your witness statement?
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- 1  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Q}}.$  Is the content of your witness statement still true to
- 2 the best of your knowledge and belief?
- 3 A. I believe so, yes.
- MS BOLTON: Ms Jarrett, if you remain there, there may be
- 5 some further questions.
- A. Thank you. 6

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- Cross-examination by MR CURTIN
- MR CURTIN: So, Ms Jarrett, you've been called to give 8
- 9 evidence. Isn't it right that you're -- for all intents
- 10 and purposes, your current career is that of
- 11 a spokesperson for understanding animal research? You 12 work with animal --
- A. I'm the chief executive of Understanding Animal 13 14 Research.
- 15 Q. And they are a lobby group?
- A. We are the UK's animal research advocacy group, yes. 16
- Q. And would it be that surprising for me to call you 17
- 18 a lobby group on behalf of the industry? Would that be
- 19 fair?
- 2.0 A. We exist to help the public to understand why and how
- 21 animals are used in research in the UK and our
- 2.2 membership comprises about 35 universities, the Medical
- 23 Research Council, Cancer Research UK, the British Heart 2.4 Foundation, some pharmaceutical companies, breeders of

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- 25 animals for research, contract research organisations.

1 We have something over 140 organisations that contribute

- to our work.
- 3 Q. Including Marshall BioResources --
- 4 A. Including MBR Acres, yes.

Q. That's a hefty clump.

- Q.  $\,--$  who are helping to pay your wages for today? 5
- A. Marshalls contributes -- I did the maths on this --6
- 7 2.26% of our income last year.
- 9 A. 2.26%.
- 10 Q. How many other funders have you got?
- 11 A. About 140 something others.
- 12 Q. So that's a good chunk.
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, that's a comment, Mr Curtin. 13
- 14 MR CURTIN: Sorry.
- 15 Let me go to paragraph 6 of your statement.
- 16 A Yes
- 17 Q. I should make it clear that I'm not a scientist nor
- 18 am I a lawyer. You're not here as -- I wouldn't class
- 19 you as an expert witness.
- 20 A. I'm not an expert witness.
- 2.1 Q. Okay, good. Right, let's go straight on. My
- 2.2 understanding is that, subject to very limited
- 23 exceptions, UK law requires all potential medicines
- 2.4 intended for human use to be tested on two species of
- 2.5 mammal; yes?

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1 A. Yes.

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- 2 Q. Which law -- ah, I think we go on. The requirement --
- 3 ah, which law do you refer to there?
- "My understanding is that ... UK law ..."
- Which law?
- 6 A. So the other sections of the witness statement explain
- 7 that.
- 8 Q. Well, they talk about -- sorry.
- 9 A. So Schedule 1. Part 2. of The Medicines for Human Use
- 10 (Clinical Trials) Regulations 2004 states:
- 11 "Clinical trials shall be conducted in accordance
- 12 with the principles of the declaration of Helsinki
- 13 [adopted by the World Medical Assembly in June 1964, as
- 14 amended by the General Assembly of the Association
- 15 in October 1975 ...", et cetera, et cetera.
- 16 Q. But those aren't UK laws, are they? You said that UK
- 17 law requires ---
- 18 A. So as it says, it's quoted in section 6 of The Medicines
- 19 for Human Use (Clinical Trials) Regulations 2004.
- 2.0 Q. It's not law, is it? It's a regulation?
- 21 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, it is law, Mr Curtin. It's
- 2.2 what's called secondary legislation. It's a statutory
- 23 instrument but it's as much law as statute
- 2.4 MR CURTIN: Okay. Then this law, this secondary law,
- 2.5 requires potential medicine to be tested on two species

- 1 of mammals; yes?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Does it stipulate what they are, what --
- 4 A. It stipulates that one should be a rodent and one should
- 5 be a larger, non-rodent mammal.
- Q. Okay. So it didn't say you should do it on dogs? 6
- 7 A. It doesn't stipulate dogs. The custom is it's usually 8 a dog, pig or a monkey, a non-human primate.
- 9 Q. When you say "custom", how old is this custom?
- 10 A. As old as those regulations.
- 11 Q. And the regulations, how old are they?
- 12 A. As I just said, they come from -- the Helsinki
- Declaration is June 1964, which was then amended by the
- 14 General Assembly of the Association in October 1975,
- 15 October 1983, September 1989 and October 1996.
- 16 Q. Okay. I'll need to have a word with the judge in my
- 17 evidence about UK law. Are you aware of -- you will be
- aware of ASPA --18
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. -- the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act. Are you 20
- 2.1 aware of the special section relating to specially
- 2.2 protected species?
- 2.3 A. Yes.
- 2.4 Q. What does that say? I think C5 --
- 25 A. That is -- so the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act

- 1 1986, as amended then later, covers all use of
- 2 vertebrate animals in the UK in scientific research --
- 3 all vertebrate animals and cephalopods, and there are
- stipulations that they can only be used in research if
- 5 there is no non-animal alternative available that's
- practical to be used in that circumstance to answer that 6
- 7 question. ASPA then has an extra layer of protection
- 8 for what are known as specially protected species, so
- 9 that's non-human primates, dogs, cats and equids, so
- 10 horses, donkeys, ponies, and those species of animals
- 11 are given the extra protection that they cannot be used
- 12 in research in the UK if it can be shown that the same 13
- question could be answered using a different species,
- 14 another species of animal.
- 15 Q. Okay. So you've talked here about the custom of using 16 dogs. Is that it? Is it just a custom? Is that why
- 17 they use dogs?
- 18 A. I think I've answered that.
- 19 Q. Well, tell me. Tell me. You use the word it's 2.0 a custom.
- 2.1 A. So the regulations require that two species of mammal
- 2.2 are used in order to prove that new medicines are safe
- 23 before they're given to human volunteers in clinical
- 2.4 trials, and the regulations state that that should be 25 a rodent and a larger non-rodent species, and, as
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- 1 I said, those animals are usually the pig, the dog or
  - the non-human primate.
- 3 Q. But in this country we've got ASPA, haven't we, which is
- 4 the law -- which is definitely a law, isn't it? Is it?
- 5 A. Yes

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- Q. That's not secondary law. 6
- 7 A. No. it's a law.
- 8 Q. Is a secondary law -- anyway, I'm not sure.
- 9 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, Mr Curtin, a career in the law
- 10 perhaps beckons, so you can learn all about it.
- MR CURTIN: Are you —— I can't believe I'm asking 12 a High Court judge. So the law in this country does
- 13 relate to the Helsinki Act of 1964. Is that what you're
- 14 saying, that we are bound by the Helsinki Act of 1964?
- 15 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: No, no. We have chosen -- Parliament
- 16 can choose to enact directly or indirectly obligations
- 17 that -- our country has signed up to various conventions
- 18 or treaties. That's what has happened here. So by
- 19 secondary legislation, which is statutory instrument --
- 20 the regulations that are referred to in paragraph 8 of
- 21 Ms Jarrett's statement are a statutory instrument that
- 22 introduce The Medicine for Human Use (Clinical Trial)
- 23 Regulations. They are as much English law as a statute
- 2.4 would be.
- 25 MR CURTIN: Okay.

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- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: You don't need to worry about that, 1
- 2 Mr Curtin, you really don't.
- 3 MR CURTIN: I do worry because it's part of my main thrust.
- If I could point you to -- bear with me, a bit of 5 fumbling around
- 6 In a bundle of documents that I sent very late last
- 7 night, but perhaps you'll know about it, there was
- 8 a small quotation mark — it looks like that — and it's
- 9 taken from --
- 10 MS BOLTON: I'm not sure if Ms Jarrett has it though. She
- 11 might need it.
- 12 MR CURTIN: Hopefully she's going to be -- the All Party
- 13 Parliamentary Group for Human-Relevant Science. Are you
- 14 aware of that?
- A. I'm aware it exists. It's one of many all party 15
- 16 parliamentary groups.
- 17 Q. Yes. Within that article --
- 18 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Ms Jarrett doesn't have that yet so
- 19 let's give her ... (Handed)
- 2.0 MR CURTIN: Yes, I'm about to ask her ...
- 2.1 MS BOLTON: Take her to the paragraph as well please.
- 2.2 MR CURTIN: Yes.
- 23 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Now, just describe to Ms Jarrett what
- 2.4 this document is to help her.
- 2.5 MR CURTIN: It's a discussion document from a parliamentary

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- group and I draw her attention to the quote marks in
- 2 blue. Can you see it? They're on the second page, the
- 3 wording of "Current regulatory ... ".
- 4 A. Okay, yes.
- 5 Q. Read perhaps, if you could, the couple of lines  $\,--\,$  in
- $\,\,$  fact the paragraph before would be great, if you could
- 7 read that.
- 8 MS BOLTON: Which paragraph?
- 9 A. Do you have a question?
- $10\,$   $\,$  MR CURTIN: "The need for updated guidance", if you could
- $11 \hspace{1.5cm} {\rm read\ that\ from\ that\ paragraph\ on\ and\ then\ finish\ } --$
- 12 A. Sorry, do I need to read this?
- 13 MS BOLTON: Yes, please.
- 14 MR CURTIN: Just to give us some context, yes, please.
- 15 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: I'm trying to find where we are.
- 16 MR CURTIN: There's two pages.
- $17\,$   $\,$  MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: There are paragraph numbers in the
- document, aren't there?
- 19 MR CURTIN: No, there's not.
- 20 MS BOLTON: My Lord, if I hand up another copy.
- $21\,$  MR CURTIN: It's the paragraph preceding this highlighted
- 22 quote mark.
- 23 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Just a minute. (Handed)
- 24 MS BOLTON: It's paragraph 2.4, my Lord, above the
- 25 quotation.

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- $1\,$   $\,$  MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. What are we looking at,
- 2 Mr Curtin?
- 3 MR CURTIN: It's a document from the --
- 4 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: No, no, in the document.
- 5 MR CURTIN: In the document, the highlighted quote mark and
- 6 the paragraph preceding it, but it's really the
- 7 highlighted paragraph.
- 8 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: "The wording of current regulatory
- 9 ... "?
- 10 MR CURTIN: Yes.
- 11 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right.
- 12 A. So the highlighted one and the one above?
- 13 MR CURTIN: The highlighted one, the one with speech marks.
- $14\,$   $\,$  A. "The wording of current regulatory guidance almost
- exclusively refers to animal use for these tests,
  - driving the expectation that animal tests are required
- for regulatory approval [as read]."
- $18\,$  Q. Yes, this is a quote from someone who works for the
- 19 Medical Healthcare Regulation Authority and his opinion
- $20\,$  seems to be different to yours, that we have to use
- 21 animals.

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- 22 A. Well, I think I've agreed that the wording of current
- 23 regulatory guidance refers to animal use for these
- 24 tests.
- Q. Yes, but there's no expectation. We are not legally

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- $1 \qquad \quad \mathsf{bound} \; -- \; \mathsf{we} \; \mathsf{are} \; \mathsf{not} \; \mathsf{legally} \; \mathsf{bound} \; \mathsf{in} \; \mathsf{this} \; \mathsf{country} \; \mathsf{is} \; \mathsf{my}$ 
  - case to you.
- 3 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, that's a question of law,
- $4\,$   $\,$  Mr Curtin. I'm not sure you're right about that. The
- 5 regulatory framework --
- 6 MR CURTIN: Okay for dogs. Let's keep it to dogs then
  - because I want to keep it to dogs. There is no
- 8 regulatory authority in this country that says we have
  - to experiment on dogs, is there?
- 10 A. There is a requirement that, as I said, two species of
- 11 mammal are used in order to protect human volunteers
- 12 from taking first -in-man substances in human clinical
- trials , and one of those animals needs to be a larger,
- 14 non-rodent species, which in this country can be pig.
- dog or non—human primate, and all three are used.
- 16 Q. But it's the dog that gets used, isn't it?
- 17 A. No. all three are used.
- 18 Q. What about the numbers? You've got some understanding
- of the industry because you work for the --
- 20 A. Yes, there are more dogs used --
- 21 Q. More dogs. How much more dogs, percentage?
- 22 A. There are around -- last year around 4,000 procedures
- $23\,$  using dogs -- sorry, the last year for which there are
- 24 statistics published, which was 2021, there were about
- 4,000 procedures using dogs, so that's not 4,000 dogs

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- $1\,$  because some dogs are used more than once. So 4,000 --
- 2 and the equivalent number for non-human primates was
- 3 about 3,000, so it's slightly fewer non—human primates
- 4 used than dogs.
- 5 Q. I'm talking about regulatory procedures.
- 6 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Mr Curtin, we don't need to spend a lot
- 7 of time on this because ultimately it's a matter of law.
- 8 The position is like this —— and Ms Jarrett will correct
- 9 me if I'm wrong which is the law requires certain
- tests to be carried out. It doesn't mandate what
- specific animal it has to be tested on but there are
- 12 parameters which Ms Jarrett has set out. So you're
- right to say that the law doesn't mandate testing on
- dogs, but Ms Jarrett says the law mandates testing on
- animals and the practice is, for reasons that she
- explains in her statement, that dogs and particularly
- 17 beagles are well suited for clinical research
- 18 Ms Jarrett will correct me if I've misunderstood her
- 19 evidence but you are right to the extent of saying the
- 20 law doesn't mandate testing on dogs but it does mandate
- 21 testing.
- 22 MR CURTIN: Okay. And this legislation goes back to 1964 —
- 23 yes? the Helsinki agreement?
- 24 A. It's actually not. It's probably before then --
- 25 Q. Okay.

- $1\quad$  A.  $\,--$  and what brought it into sharp focus in the UK was
- the Thalidomide tragedy of the late 50s and early 60s,
- 3 where animals were not used correctly to test that drug
- 4 in the way that it was going to be used in clinical
- 5 practice, and, interestingly, the US refused to give it
- a licence in the US because the FDA at the time said
- 7 that not enough testing had been done. So the Medicines
- 8 Act 1958 also has a bit of bearing on this, but
- 9 I haven't mentioned that in here.
- 10 Q. But there was extensive testing on Thalidomide amongst11 animals.
- 12 A. But not pregnant animals and not in the correct way.
- 13 Q. There were experiments on pregnant animals.
- 14 A. I'm not sure that this is relevant, but --
- 15 Q. No, okay. Well, you did say --
- 16 A. I did bring it up. I'm sorry.
- 17 Q. So would you say we're dealing with -- do you talk about
- cutting edge science in your statement? It's your case
- $19 \hspace{1cm} \hbox{that we should rely on these dog experiments to give} \\$
- a good indicator, toxicology, of a certain product?
- 21 A. The way that dogs are used is to see whether -- the hope
- is that dogs used in pre-clinical toxicology testing
- $23\,$  will not be made ill. So if you think about it, you've
- $24\,$  gone through 15/20 years of drug development and the
- 25 final gateway before you can give your potential new

- 1 medicine to human volunteers are these animal tests. So
- 2 you've been through the computers, the cell models, the
- 3 organoids, the chips, the liver on chip, the lung on
- 4 chip, everything, you've done all that, and you're now
  - testing on animals and what you want --
- 6 Q. Whether —
- 7 A. Sorry, I'm just answering your question.
- 8 Q. Sorry.

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- 9 A. what you want is that the animals are healthy at the 10 end of the trial, so what you're looking for in the dog 11 is that doesn't have any adverse effects.
- 12 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: The hypothesis is that it will not harm 13 the animals?
- $14\,$   $\,$  A. Yes, a lack of toxicity is what you're looking for in
- 15 the animal because the -- I have some evidence in this
- 16 witness statement -- the percentage likelihood of
- 17 a medicine being safe in humans if it has been safe in
- dogs is extremely high, and together with the data from
- the rodent model, plus all other pre—clinical tests, that's what's looked at by the MHRA and then they will
- 21 give approval or not for the clinical trial to go ahead.
- But the last thing you want is for a dog to be ill in
- 23 that pre-clinical test.
- $24\,$   $\,$  MR CURTIN: Really? So say if we weren't talking about

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25 medicines -- because there are also regulatory

- 1 procedures that dogs get used for for chemicals.
- 2 A. A very, very low number.
- 3 Q. Yes, but they do get used. But, for example,
- 4 chocolate chocolate would fail the toxicity test,
- 5 would it not --
- 6 A. It does.

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- 7 Q. -- on dogs?
- $8\,$   $\,$  A. Yes, so that's why we don't test chocolate on dogs.
- 9 Q. So there's a species difference -- when it comes to
- 10 chocolate, there's a species difference. Are you aware
  - of any other different reactions in dogs, say, to us or
- 12 dogs to mice? Are you aware of species --
- $13\,$   $\,$  A. I'm sure there are. I'm not a toxicologist. I'm sure
- 14 there are differences, but that will be known by the
- people who design the trials and, should there be
- a substance involved in the medicine that is known to be
- 17 different there's a species difference between humans
- and dogs, then that perhaps would be where they would
- use a pig or a monkey instead of the dog.
- 20 Q. And you talked -- didn't you just say in your statement
- that there's non-animal methods, there's computers and
- 22  $\,$  cells  $\,--$  all these fancy techniques -- and then they
- move on to the animal experiments. Is that what you're
- 24 saying?
- 25 A. Yes

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- 1 Q. What do you base that on?
- 2 A. The fact that a lot of non-animal research happens
- 3 before the animal research happens. So, I mean, for
- 4 instance, I think -- was it in here? Was it in this
- 5 article? I was just interested, that little symbol of
- 6 pre-clinical (Indicates) has animals and it has a petri
- 7 dish, it has a microscope, it has DNA, it has all sorts
- 8 of —
- 9 Q. But I'm talking about --
- 10 MS BOLTON: Let her finish her answer, please.
- 11 MR CURTIN: I apologise. Sorry, my Lord.
- 12 A. So pre—clinical is not just the animal research, it's
- all the other parts as well, the in vitro, in vivo --
- 14 sorry, that is the animal in vitro, in silico, cell
- cultures, organoids, livers on chip, whatever, that's
- 16 all pre-clinical research.
- 17 Q. But they're not required to pass the test, are they?
- 18 It's the animal experiments?
- 19 A. You want safety data, so safety data is taken in lots of
- $20\,$  different ways, including -- I mean, you sent some
- information about a liver on a chip. It's fantastic,
- 22 brilliant . I really hope it gets used more.
- 23 Q. Great
- 24 A. It does pick up some toxicity in the liver --
- 25 Q. Better than some -- very, very --

- MS BOLTON: Let her finish.
- A. In some cases better than animals, which is what we
- 3 really hope for. I don't want to see animals used in
- 4 research. I think you and I can agree on that. Nobody
- wants to use animals in research. We want the 5
- alternative to come through. We want there to be a way 6
- 7 of proving that human beings are not going to be harmed
- 8 by potential new medicines that doesn't involve animals.
- MR CURTIN: But you represent -- and your understanding of 10 animal research and Marshall BioResources. I see it --
- in fact, when you said "We don't want ..." -- let's go 11
- 12 to that. 16, point number 16, paragraph 16.
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- Q. "It is incredibly to note that nobody wants to test 14
- 15 potential medicines on animals, let alone dogs."
- 16 Would you apply that to a man called Scott Marshall
- 17 who owns Marshall BioResources?
- 18 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay, Mr Curtin --
- 19 MR CURTIN: Oh. please.
- MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: No, we're moving away. 20
- 21 MR CURTIN: She does say "everyone".
- 22 " ... that nobody wants ..."
- I'm suggesting that Marshall BioResources have 2.3
- 2.4 a vested interest in keeping this practice going.
- 25 Would you accept that?

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- 1 A. I don't know quite how to answer that. I would imagine
- 2 that it's an important part of their business but I know
- 3 that they have other parts of their business.
- Q. So "nobody wants to test potential medicines", maybe in
- 5 brackets, "except people with a vested interest in
- 6 making money from it"? 7 A. I haven't asked Scott Marshall his view on that.
- Q. Would you accept the point may be wrong there, you may 8
- 9 be mistaken there, that nobody wants these animal
- 10 experiments to carry on?
- 11 A. I have never met anybody who stated that they would 12 rather use an animal than a non-animal method.
- 13 Q. What about Marshall BioResources, whose business —
- A. I have never met anybody who stated that they would 14
- 15 rather use an animal than a non-animal method.
- 16 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Mr Curtin, I think you have the
- evidence you need, which is -- your valid point, which 17
- 18 you can make in submissions, is that those who breed
- 19 animals for clinical research may have a vested interest
- 2.0 in that business continuing.
- MR CURTIN: Good. 21
- 2.2 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: You can make that submission to me.

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- 23 It's not a question for Ms Jarrett.
- 2.4 MR CURTIN: I would put it to you that your organisation
- 25 would have a vested interest in its continuation.

1 A. I gave a presentation yesterday where I said our vision was a time when we -- we would love to do ourselves out 2

- 3 of a job. We would love there to be a time where we 4 didn't have to use animals in research.
- Q. Okay, so -- but because of the 1964 Helsinki Act, we're 5
- still having to use it. 6 Can I make a point? Hopefully I'll be allowed to.
- Technology, how it's moved on since 1964. Would you 8
- 9 accept that this phone that I'm holding would have more
- 10 computer capacity than entire NASA space missions, so
- 11 things have changed, things have moved on? So I put it
- 12 to you that animal experiments, you want to put them 13 into history and I would agree with you. Good.
- 14 So would you agree that there is an ever-growing
- 15 body of evidence and an ever-growing clamour for this
- 16 area to be looked at, so we can come into the 20 -- God
- 17 knows what century it is.
- 18 A. 21st, I think.
- 19 Q. Yes

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- 20 A. There is an awful lot of work happening to find -- to
- 2.1 create alternatives to using animals in research. We
- 22 have in the UK the lead -- the world's leading centre
- 23 for finding and creating replacements for animals, but
- 2.4 also reducing the number of animals and refining the use
- 25 of that -- those animals in that work.

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- 1 Q. And if -- we talked about the three Rs, the centre --
- 2 the three Rs, you were just talking about world-leading.
  - It's correct, isn't it, that if a product licence
- doesn't evaluate the three Rs in the way it should, it
  - will be refused?
- 6 A. It will certainly be sent back and asked to clarify
- 7 those positions.
- 8 Q. And refused?
- 9 A. It would -- if it then -- after asking for further
- 10 revisions, it didn't explain that properly, then it
- 11 would be refused, but usually most project licences then
- 12 go back to provide that information which has been
- 13 requested.
- 14  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Q}}.$  And not only usually are they passed, I would go as far
- 15 as to say that all project licences are passed by the
- 16 Home Office, to the point that I know -- I don't know if
- 17 you correlate the same information as me -- one project
- 18 licence I think in the past 20 years has been refused.
- 19 A. Quite a lot are refused at first draft and sent back and 2.0 asked for further details, further work, further
- 21 clarification. It's quite rare for a project licence to
- 2.2 be granted first time round. It's an iterative process.
- 23 They're sent back and sent back and sent back and
- 2.4 there's lots of corrections that have to be played and

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2.5 it usually takes -- it's a process that takes several  $\,$ 

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- months. So it's not the case that -- it's not the case 2 that all project licences are accepted and approved on
- 3 their first reading by the Home Office.
- 4 Q. But they're all —— to all intents, they're all accepted eventually  $\,--\,$  after the redrafting they get accepted? 5
- A. Probably eventually after many, many iterations, yes. 6
- 7 Q. Who is in charge of that?
- A. There's a body called the Animal Science Regulation Unit 8 9 of the Home Office.
- 10 Q. They're part of the Home Office?
- 11 A. Yes.

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- 12 Q. Do you know if they're funded by the Home Office --13
- A. They're funded on a cost recovery basis by the research 14 15
- Q. So the inspectors are funded by the people they're meant 16 17 to be inspecting, for example --
- 18 A. The Home Office charges for each licence and the money
- 19 that is taken from those licences funds that unit. Q. So the policemen/women you could say -- I don't know if
- 2.1 you call them policewomen -- who police animal 22 experiments, for example when they inspect the Marshall
- MBR Acres, certain inspectors are paid for by Marshall? 2.3
- A. I would argue that it's not that simple. The Government requires organisations -- regulatory systems to be

- 1 funded not out of central taxation but by the sector
- 2 that is being regulated in this case, and so it is true
- 3 that the funding comes from that sector but it's not the
- case that that -- I mean, I think if you had the head of
- 5 the Animal Science Regulation Unit here, they would
- 6 strongly deny that there is any relationship between the
- 7 funding they receive and the service that they provide.
- 8 Q. Of course they would deny it, but it opens themselves to 9 perhaps suspicion from people like me. I only found out 10 about -- I've been involved with the anti-vivisection 11 movement for 40 -- I found that out about a month ago.
- 12 It never occurred to me. I was surprised to find that 13
- 14 The Home Office, with any other animal matter --
- 15 A. With any other animal ...?
- Q. With an animal welfare issue or anything to do with 16 17 animals, farm animals, pets, zoos, circuses  $\,--\,$  not that
- 18 we have them now -- it would be DEFRA, wouldn't it, but
- 19 when we're dealing with animal experiments it's the
- 2.0 Home Office, and the Home Office, as we know, deal with
- 21 the (inaudible), the courts, the police, the judiciary,
- 2.2 terrorism, immigration. Why is it -- do you have any

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- 2.3 knowledge of why the Home Office --
- 2.4 A. I don't know.
- Q. Why is it the Home Office?

- 1 A. I don't know. I think this is the Department of 2 Justice, isn't it?
- 3 Q. But we're dealing with animal experiments. It's peculiar, isn't it? Do you find it ...?
- 5 A. I really don't have any information on that.
- 6 Q. Okay. I just want you to confirm that. I haven't got 7 too many more points.
- 8 In your written evidence here, you give some
  - figures, in paragraph 24, of a paper and it gives
- 10 percentages of accuracy of dog to human NPV safety
  - prediction. They're very, very high figures, aren't
- 12 thev?
- 13 A. They are.
- Extremely. Are you aware that there would be opposition 14
- 15 in some quarters to this -- to the level of efficacy of
- 16 these --
- 17 A. The negative predicted values?
- 18 Q. Yes. And there's another type of value that can be
  - used, isn't there? LV, is it?
- 20 A. There are lots of different ways of comparing, but the
- 2.1 one that's used -- as I was explaining before, what you
- 22 want is a lack of harm to the animal because this is the
- 2.3 correlation —— these figures are the percentage
- 2.4 correlations, that if you have a lack of harm to the
- 25 animal, the percentage correlation likelihood that

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- 1 you'll have a lack of harm to humans.
- 2 Q. The judge, in his wisdom, refused to make this a trial
- 3 about animal experiments so that's why we're just
- skirting over the surface. Are you aware that there are
- 5 figures produced by researchers and doctors that would
- 6 have a 96% failure rate? Are you aware? I'm just --
- 7 there is opposition to -- this is not -- this is one
- 8 study that you've put in.
- 9 A. That's the IQ Consortium, yes. It's not me.
- 10 Q. You're aware that these figures would be really
- 11 questioned and scrutinised by many other researchers?
- 12 A. I'm sure there are other ways -- people who would
- 13 provide evidence from a different angle, yes.
- 14 Q. Yes, and you're not an expert witness.
- 15 A No
- 16 Q. So this is something you've chosen and it's extremely --
- 17 the highest figures I've ever seen.
- 18 A. I've chosen it because it's used by the sector as the
- 19 explanation of the correlation between a negative
- 2.0 predicted -- well, a lack of evidence of harm in the
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- 2.2 Q. It's not unchallenged science, is it, this?
- 23 I would think —— well, I don't know, but I think that is
  - the one that's used by this -- in this area.
- 2.5 Q. Okay. Let's go on to the next paragraph.

1		"I should say for completeness that, in line with	1	dogs are $$ halfway through the experiment, sometimes
2		the above, researchers hope that the dogs undergoing the	2	they're put to sleep their suffering is so extreme. In
3		safety tests remain happy and healthy throughout the	3	this country they do put animals to sleep now once it
4		trials ."	4	goes beyond extreme suffering. But what would be
5		Are you happy with that statement?	5	standard at the end of a toxicology test, a high dose,
6	Α.	Yes. As I said before, what you want $$ the last thing	6	would be animals vomiting, spasming, because they've had
7		you want is the dog to be made ill.	7	toxic products in them. They've had dangerous products.
8	Q.	Are we basing this on some $$ I don't know. It's	8	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: I think you're misunderstanding the
9		a wish, it's a hope? What about, say, for example,	9	name or the label "toxicity test". It's designed $$ the
10		a dog in a year—long chronic toxicity test?	10	purpose of testing it is designed to see whether it has
11		So	11	an unexpected toxic reaction in the clinical study.
12		Are you aware ——	12	It's not anticipated that it will.
13		Sorry, can you explain what that would mean?	13	MR CURTIN: In the toxicity test, as the witness here might
14	Q.	Okay, toxicity test then, the regulatory experiments	14	be able to corroborate, you're not just giving normal
15		that would be dealing with medicines, that would be	15	doses, they're given massive doses, huge doses, that
16		dealing with the rodent and the non-dog, there's some	16	would never be taken ——
17		sort of standards within the sector, isn't there, and	17	MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Mr Curtin, the problem with this
18		there's $30$ -day studies $$ $30$ -day toxicology studies	18	questioning again —— I'm not necessarily criticising
19		are you aware of?	19	you. In fairness, Ms Jarrett has been called to give
20		I don't know.	20	evidence and she does invite a degree of looking at
21	Q.	Well, tell us about the toxicology studies that you know	21	areas that go well beyond the scope of this litigation .
22		of, these regulatory experiments.	22	I cannot and do not — in these proceedings I cannot
23	Α.	I'm not — as I said, I'm not a toxicologist. I'm not	23	make any sort of ruling. I simply don't have the
24		quite sure how the study is designed $$	24	evidence. I do not have the material to make any sort
25	Q.	Some last a year. Would you accept that there are	25	of finding as to whether or not the animal testing
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1		year—long chronic toxicity tests?	1	regime in this country has any of the sort of
2	۸	I really don't know.	2	consequences that you're suggesting. You haven't got
3		Okay, even for a 30—day one, even for a five—day one,	3	the evidence to produce to me of that, the claimants
4	ų.	we're talking with perhaps — the word "toxicity"	4	haven't done so.
5		itself —— I don't know why you wrote this because we're	5	MR CURTIN: I haven't been allowed to.
6		dealing with like ——		With Collettie. I haven't been anowed to.
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produce toxicology reports that by the end of it the

animal that has been sickened, been poisoned -facility shut, there was a necessary -- well, it was 2 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Okay, I'm not going to be making any 2 necessary for the dogs that would have been supplied by 3 findings about that, Mr Curtin. 3 Envigo -- so, obviously, people order the animals that MR CURTIN: Again, I don't know if we are going to come on 4 4 they need quite a long time in advance, so the other dog to the same thing, but I feel this is a bit unfair, why breeders in the US will have had contracts and orders 5 5 you've been able to introduce this evidence. that they have been fulfilling over the last few months 6 6 7 "Dogs can be easily trained from birth to be content 7 from the orders they've had in already. But once the 8 Envigo facility shut, that means that those customers in a laboratory environment [as read]." 8 9 What do you mean by that? 9 that used to get their dogs from Envigo will have turned 10 10 to those other dog breeders and will be taking up all A. That was a reason as to why dogs are used as opposed to, 11 11 the available stock that they have, probably -- I would say, pigs. 12 12 Q. Expand, please imagine that would probably come in in sort of --13 A. Well, we were talking earlier about the fact that the 13 I don't know -- the early -- around now really. But 14 those re-orders -- the pre-orders will have been 14 larger non-rodent species can be one of three -- usually 15 one of three species, and this was a piece of 15 fulfilled , but now there's going to be a need for those 16 dogs to stay in the US. That's my understanding. 16 information about why dogs have generally been used and 17 17 Q. Okay. What about if I was to put to you that the it is because dogs are happier in a laboratory 18 environment than pigs. 18 previous witness was presented with some evidence that 19 Q. Who based -- where --19 Marshalls and Envigo, actually, are importing dogs into A. From everything I've heard, talking to the animal care 20 20 this country? 2.1 staff who look after different species in laboratories, 2.1 A. I saw that. I saw that table and I believe that was 22 they feel that dogs are better suited and have a better 22 actually last year and into maybe January or possibly 2.3 2.3 quality of life than other species. February of this year. 2.4 Q. I put it to you that's utter nonsense and offensive. 2.4 Yes, so way after when Envigo was shut down. It's still 25 A. Well --2.5 happening. 141 143 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Mr Curtin 1 1 A. But it doesn't contradict what I've just said, which MR CURTIN: Oh. come on. 2 3 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: I don't have the time, more than 3 MS BOLTON: Can the witness have the table? (Handed) anything, to investigate this. It's not the purpose of MR CURTIN: Let's just say there are no animals to be flown 5 these proceedings. 5 into the UK, would you accept that you might be wrong 6 MR CURTIN: If I can't challenge it --6 there -- well, you are wrong? MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, it doesn't mean to say I'm going 7 7 A. Well, obviously it's possible that some animals might be 8 to -- as I told you on Monday, I asked Ms Bolton to what 8 flown in from other countries, but the way I've just 9 issue Ms Jarrett's evidence went to. Ms Bolton's answer 9 explained it, that these will probably be orders that 10 was that she gives evidence as to what the detrimental 10 were on the books well before Envigo shut down. 11 effect on clinical research in this country would be if 11 Q. That's what you think? 12 there were no longer a supply of beagles in order for 12 A. Possibly. animal testing to be carried out. That's the single bit Q. 29.2, the same. We've got a similar fact about -- you 13 13 base this on your gossip -- not gossip -- talk amongst of relevance it has to this case. That's it. 14 14 15 MR CURTIN: Okay. 15 the -- whoever you talk to. 16 You talk here, paragraph 29: 16 A. That's all I have. 17 "The United States. ... This has lead to 17 Q. And China. 18 a shortage of dogs for research in the United States and 18 "China is struggling to get enough ..." 19 means that there are no animals available to be flown 19 You've just heard this from somebody? A. That's my understanding, yes. 2.0 into the UK from the United States.' 2.0

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29.1. Is that your statement?

Q. It's what you've heard, so it's hearsay?

industry, yes

A. That's what I've heard from people involved in the

A. Well, it's my understanding that after the Envigo

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dogs for pre-clinical regulatory toxicology testing in

"Therefore, the only real option for the supply of

Q. Okav. So it's not really evidence, is it?

And point number 30:

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- 2 A. MBR Acres is the only dog breeding facility in the UK.
- 3 Q. Okay, that's if you chose to use dogs. We don't have to 4 use dogs in this country, do we?
- A. Well, given as we were discussing earlier that the law 5 requires that dogs are used --6
  - Q. No, it does not. It requires two species --
- 7 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: We've covered that. Mr Curtin, I know 8 9 that that was an unfortunate  $--\ I$  think Ms Jarrett will 10 say, she's elided two answers that she gave earlier, 11 which is the legal requirement is two species. There's 12 not a legal requirement that one of them be dogs, but 13 conventionally dogs are used because they have certain

advantages from a clinical test perspective.

15 MR CURTIN: Okay. Again, we go on.

> "Therefore, in simple terms, if MBR Acres were to cease supplying dogs for pre-clinical testing in the UK, the development of new medicine in the UK would be severely and adversely impacted and quite possibly curtailed [as read]."

That's a strong statement, isn't it?

2.2 A. Well, given that, if we want to continue to develop 2.3 potential new medicines and then put them -- give them 2.4 to human beings in clinical trials, volunteers in 25 clinical trials, we are going to have to carry on doing

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- 1 the required safety testing before that can happen, and,
- 2 as we've discussed, dogs are involved in that. If there 3 were no dogs available in the UK, then that research
- couldn't happen in the UK.
- 5 Q. But aren't we talking about all these crazy new techniques that are coming thick and fast, aren't they? 6
- 7 I've never witnessed myself such  $\dots$  okay, forget I just
- said that. In America, the FDA Modernization Act, 8
- 9 are you aware of that?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. It takes away -- it actually takes away, doesn't it, the 12 legal requirement?
- 13 A. Well, there never — there was always the option under the previous law in  $\,--\,$  sorry, are you all right if 14 15 I talk about this?
- 16 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Yes.
- 17 A. There was always the option for the FDA not to require 18 animal tests, that was in the previous legislation, so 19 it hasn't actually changed anything in the FDA
- 2.0 Modernization Act.
- 21 MR CURTIN: So the headlines all over the world that the FDA
- 2.2 Modernization Act is what it says, modernising, getting
- 23 ourselves into the 21st century and we don't have to
- 2.4 test on animals anymore, it's your case, isn't it, for
- 25 your group, "Yes, we have to test on animals", isn't it?

- 1 A. We're talking about the UK.
- 2 Q. Yes

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- 3 A. The FDA obviously is talking about the US.
- 4 Q. Yes, it's talking about the UK, "We have to test on
- 5 animals"?
- 7 Q. So this change that's going to come, how are we going to 8 facilitate that change to come?
- 9 A. Sorry, what change?

A. At the moment.

- 10 Q. Getting rid of animal experiments. You're saying that
  - we need animal experiments otherwise we can't get new
- 12 medicines, but you're also saying you want to get rid of
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- 14 A. Well, if we're going to get to that stage, then there
- 15 are going to have to be a lot more non-animal
- 16 methodologies brought through.
- 17 Q. Are you aware of people in medical professions, doctors,
- 18 experts, who make the claim -- I can't bring them here
- 19 because we can't put vivisection on trial  $\,--\,$  who would
- 20 state that we can get rid of animal experiments today
- 2.1 and we can implement all the new techniques that we've
- 22 got? We would not -- are you aware that there is an 2.3 argument that animal experiments not only could be got
- 2.4 rid of but should be got rid of and it would improve
- 25 medical research? Are you aware that other people hold

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- 1 such a view?
- A. I'm certainly aware of -- obviously I'm aware of people 2.
- 3 who hold such views, but I think the guestion needs to
- be put to the regulators.
- 5 Q. Yes, and the regulators, which we've seen -- even in the
- 6 regulators, we've seen from this document, there's
- 7 a move -- there is a move. The move is -- we're all on
- 8 the same ship, aren't we, to move away from animal
- 9 experiments, so that's good.
- 10 A. I think the point is that we're not there yet. We're
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- 12 Q. We're not there yet, and the way we will get there is
- 13 ... okay. Let's show how we'll get there. We'll get
- 14 there within the scientific community, with internally.
- 15 Can I — briefly before you gave evidence, we talked
- 16 about the three Rs document that you're aware of. Do
- 17 you remember?
- 18 A. Yes, the Frances Rawle Report.
- 19 Q. Yes, it's the latest report, isn't it? Hot off the 2.0
  - presses, it's the latest three Rs report. Three Rs
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- 2.2 A. Reduction, refinement and replacement of the use of
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- 24 Q. So if I may read this out to you --
- 2.5 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Is this what you sent before lunchtime?

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- 1 MR CURTIN: I'm getting worse. Not only the night before, in practicality, good, so there's a need for reform. 2 this is like five minutes before. I sent it to 2 I think that's it really -- that's all I wanted to say. 3 Ms Bolton, with some discussion that it's not really 3 That's it. That's the only bit I wanted to say. 4 contested as to its ... 4 I don't have to read the rest of the thing. There's an MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: I've got it, but the problem is the acknowledgement that we need to move and do things. 5 5 So one of the ways to do things is within the 6 witness doesn't have it. 6 7 MS BOLTON: I don't think it was not contested, my Lord. 7 industry. Another thing would be to have protests, wouldn't it? That's another way of driving ...? 8 8 I think the point was the witness has done presentations 9 on this paper so I think she can deal with any of the 9 A. I would disagree with that. 10 questions. 10 Q. Why would you disagree with it? 11 A. I actually invited Frances Rawle to present on this 11 A. Because I think the industry — the sector itself is 12 paper to a meeting that I organised a couple of weeks 12 working as hard as it possibly can to find alternatives 13 13 to using animals in research for the very reasons that ago. MR CURTIN: Good. 14 I state here, that nobody wants to use animals in 14 15 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: What is this document, Mr Curtin? 15 research MR CURTIN: It's the three Rs -- it's the latest document 16  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Q}}.$  So the sector, the industry that has got this custom 16 17 that they produced and it's -- these are brief --17 that amongst the -- we're talking extremely powerful 18 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Are you familiar with what he's 18 vested interest, the Pfizers, the Glaxos and the 19 19 Monsantos, are you're telling me that we should leave it 20 A. Yes, I am. 2.0 to the industry and there doesn't need to be any 2.1 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. Can you tell me what it is? 2.1 protesting, it's all under hand? No? 2.2 A. It's a review of the state of replacement, refinement, 22 A. Well, I would say that all  $\,--\,$  perhaps not all but the reduction in the UK at the moment and I think the 2.3 2.3 vast majority of non-animal methods that have been 2.4 2.4 overview was that we're very good at refinement, so developed so far have been developed by the sector 25 we're very it good at making sure that the experiments 25 itself, so where these non-animal technologies are 149 151 1 are done with the least possible harm to the animals and 1 coming from are from the universities, the 2 as much care taken as possible, we're pretty good at 2. pharmaceutical companies. 3 reduction, making sure that we use as few animals as 3 Q. But not one single non-animal method has been validated possible to get the required results, but the area where 4 vet. has it? 5 there's still a need for more work is the replacement 5 A. No, plenty have. Many, many have. area, which I think Mr Curtin and --6 Q. They have not been validated. They have not. 6 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Just tell me who has produced this 7 7 A. They have. They are used --
- 9 A. It was written by is she a professor —

  10 Dr Frances Rawle, who used to work for the Medical

  11 Research Council as their head of research policy, a
  - Research Council as their head of research policy, and she's recently retired and was asked by the national centre for the three Rs to produce this report.

14 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right.

- MR CURTIN: If I may read it out to you. I'll read the first sentence and I'll stop there. It says:
  - "On paper, the UK has a comprehensive review and regulatory framework for animal research [as read]."

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Now, do you know when you read this review —— when you read this report, were you —— I was personally struck by it, that they're accepting that things really do need to move on.

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do need to move on.A. I think everybody agrees with that.

25~ Q. And on paper it's saying here we've got policies , but --

single batch of shellfish that came through into this
country for toxins that might kill people and we used to
feed them to mice in order to do that, but now there is
a validated non—animal alternative that the regulators

MR CURTIN: Sorry.

a validated non—animal alternative that the regulators accept so that mice don't have to be used in that test anymore. That's one example of hundreds of validated

MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Mr Curtin, let the witness answer.

A. I mean, for instance, we used to have to test every

17 alternatives that are used.

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isn't it? It's not carried out at university with someprofessor finding out what happens. It's a toxicity

- test. Would you agree with me that the actual toxicity
- 23 test hasn't changed since the Helsinki agreement?

A. No, I would disagree with that. It has changed enormously. So what you would now have —— at t

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start, you would put the chemical formula of your new molecule into a computer -- sorry, I don't have the would be screened by computers and any potential toxicity that the computer thinks might be made by that molecule, it will alert -- you know, it will report. So that's the first  $\,\,--\,$  then at that stage you would then say -- scientists would say, "Okay, so it may have toxicity in liver cells so we'll put it into some liver cells and see whether it does something bad to the liver cells", and if it does, then that confirms what the computer said.

As we were saying before, you've got this whole process of the computers, the cell cultures, the organoids, the livers on chips. The new, most recent things are working organs on chips which -- in miniature, which is absolutely fantastic. There's a lung on a chip which has the blood supply and the airway and they come together, and because it moves and you can put something into the blood supply and see whether it comes into the airway or you can put it into the airway and see if it will move into the blood supply, there's no need to use a living being at all. Fantastic. Being used in lots of ways to test inhaled drugs at the early stage. But what you then can't do is

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- 1 see whether it damaged the brain or the kidney or the 2 spleen or the skin. So there's lots of validated 3 alternatives that are being used at various different points and on that pathway.
- 5 Q. But at the end of the process it's the dog toxicity 6 tests that happen --
- 7 A. Yes, that was the final stage.
- 8 Q. In every single medicine, there is not one single 9 replacement vet?
- 10 A. I have just said there were lots of replacements.
- 11 Q. That was to do with the shellfish. I'm talking about 12 getting a medicine on to the market. There is no 13 non-animal methods that are being deployed without the 14 80-year-old practice of doing it on the dog as well.
- 15 A. I think I just explained there are lots of stages along 16 the way where non-animal methods are used and at each 17 stage, you know, various potential medicines will be 18 kicked out because they didn't pass those tests, so 19 there are non-animal methods used before you get 2.0 anywhere near using an animal.
- 21 Q. But all —— every single medicine will be tested on 2.2 a dog — whatever the report says, whatever the 23 non-animal (overspeaking - inaudible).
- 2.4 A. Because the law requires it. That's been established 25 quite early on, yes.

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1 Q. It's not part of the Helsinki agreement that you have to 2 use the technology -- the chip or the computer model, 3 but you have to still use the dog.

A. What it requires —— I think what it says —— sorry, I'll go back to it because it does say what's required. So paragraph 9:

"Biomedical research involving human subjects must conform to generally accepted scientific principles and should be based on adequately performed laboratory and animal experimentation and on a thorough ..."

11 So it does allow for the non-animal experimentation.

- 12 Q. But that's not the case in this country.
- 13 It is the case in this country.
- Q. Why, then, are there 4,000 toxicology experiments? 14
- 15 A. Because, as we've discussed, that's the very last stage. If we didn't have all those other non-animal
- 16 17 alternatives, there would be hundreds more dogs used
- 18 every year, thousands.
- $\mathsf{Q}.\;\;\mathsf{Vivisection}\;\mathsf{here}\;\mathsf{is}\;\;\mathsf{not}\;\mathsf{on}\;\;\mathsf{trial}\;.\;\;\mathsf{The}\;\mathsf{judge}\;\mathsf{has}\;\mathsf{not}\;\;$ 19
- 20 allowed it . Your organisation or you personally -- at
- 2.1 the beginning I said you're a lobby group for the 22 industry that uses animals. You used to go under
- 2.3 a different name. You changed your name, didn't you?
- 2.4 We were formed of two different organisations that 25

existed before and we merged those two organisations and

1 came up with a new name that actually said on the tin 2. what we did.

- 3 Q. And it's to defend animal experiments, isn't it? We
- 4 need them, don't we, according to you?
- 5 A. The word that we lost was "defence". We deliberately 6 didn't have that in and we used "understanding" instead.
- 7 We don't ask -- we don't defend. We ask people to
- 8 understand why and how animals are used in research.
- 9 Q. Has your organisation ever criticised a single animal
- 10 experiment that you know of?
- 11 A. We were very critical about a couple of cases of --12 well, there's two examples. I'll come back to the
- 13 second one. We were very critical of two animal
- 14 facilities in Europe that were closed down because they
- 15 had very, very bad welfare practices and we were very
- 16 critical of those two. We had statements on our website 17 about that.

18 The other area where we've said that we don't think

19 animals should be used is in one of the ways that the

- 2.0 forced swim test is used currently, which is where 21 rodents are put into a tank of water that they can't
- 2.2 escape from, and it should be used and is used very
- 23 successfully to screen potential anti-depressants. But
- 2.4 where it's wrongly used is as a model of depression
- 25 because it simply can't recapitulate what human

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- depression is and we've stated that we don't think it should be used in that area, in that example.
  - Q. But the number of animal experiments in this country runs into millions, doesn't it, and it's the role of your organisation to defend those experiments?
- A. It's our role to explain and help people understand why
   those experiments happen.
- 8 Q. Okay. Just come to your last paragraph here:

"Many in the research industry have real concerns about importing dogs from outside the UK both from the point of view of impact of travel ... [as read]"

12 But you've now heard that we're still -- we do 13 import dogs into this country for --

- 14 A. What I saw was that there were dogs that were imported 15 from the US to Denmark.
- Q. That was a transit. If you look at the document, it was
   a transit point and they actually they went to
   contract testing laboratories, Charles River.
- 19 A. So I think what I'm saying there is we would prefer
  20 that, if animals are used in research in the UK, that
  21 they have a short journey from where they're bred to
  22 where they're being used in research and it's preferable
- 23 on animal welfare grounds that they don't have to make 24 long journeys by air.
- 25 Q. Okay, I think we're finished. Basically just to sum up,

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- 1 I called you a lobby group which you didn't argue with.
- 2 A. I did argue with it actually.
- 3 Q. Well, go on then.
- 4 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Mr Curtin, no, we're not doing it
  5 again. It's a point you can make in submission. It's
  6 your characterisation of the work that they do; okay?
  7 It's a judgment, it's a value judgment, Mr Curtin, and
  8 it's not something I'm going to be making a finding
- 9 about, so ...
- MR CURTIN: And your idea within the sector is that all the
   protesters, all the media coverage that's happened,
   Harry and Megan having a beagle, we can all just go home
- and relax, it's all sorted, the sector are on the case and animal experiments will be a thing of will be
- assigned to the history books one day, without any more protesting; is that your case?
- 17 A. I think what I said was I didn't think protesting helped
  18 move —
- 19 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: When you say "protesting", what do you
- 20 mean by that because I think -- we need to be clear 21 because protesting can range from people writing to
- their MPs, people marching down a street or marching to Parliament Square --
- 24 A Yes
- $25\,$  MR JUSTICE NICKLIN:  $\,--$  protesting by signing petitions,

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1 things like that. There is obviously a spectrum and

- $2\,$   $\,$  right at the other end of the spectrum are those who use
- 3 violence towards those who are engaged in clinical
- 4 research involving animals, so there's a wide spectrum
- 5 of protest activity . Now, I can see that, when you get
- to the more extreme end, that protest could be characterised as being harmful and counter—productive,
- 8 but I'm not sure that you're suggesting that people who
- 9 write to their MPs and say "Really we need to be
- 9 write to their MPs and say, "Really, we need to be
- 10 looking we need to keep the pressure on those who are 11 responsible for animals to come up with new and to have
- 12 innovative ..." —— there's a degree to which that sort
- 12 af another anneance could be call to be another and
- of protest pressure could be said to be productive and
- 14 healthy in a democracy.
- 15 A. Can I answer that in two ways?
- 16 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Yes.

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- $17\,$  A. Firstly , I don't characterise the activities that have
- 18 been alleged to happen outside MBR Acres and the
  - intimidation and harassment as staff as protest.
- 20 I would class that as activism or extremism. So when
- $21\,$  asked about protest, I agree with you that we are
- 22 fortunate to live in a democracy and protest is part of
- democracy and I welcome —— I wouldn't have a job if
- $24\,$   $\,$  people didn't disagree with the use of animals in
- 25 research, so I accept that.

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1 But I think the point I was trying to make was 2 that -- I obviously haven't been able to get it across 3 strongly enough, but the sector wants to find ways not to have to use animals and the impetus for finding 5 better ways, new ways, alternative ways, of using 6 animals in research comes from within the sector, and if 7 there were no protests -- if all forms of protest 8 stopped tomorrow around animal research, that impetus 9

8 stopped tomorrow around animal research, that impetus
9 would not slow down. It's going as fast as the science
10 will let it and everybody wants to find alternatives to
11 use of animals.

use of animals.
 Obviously everybody is entitled to their opinion and
 there's no way that I would suggest that protests

shouldn't happen. I would suggest that activismshouldn't happen or illegal activism shouldn't happen.

But the point I was trying to get across was I don't think it's the protesters that are driving the creatic

think it's the protesters that are driving the creationof alternatives because it's the scientists themselves,

the research sector itself, that is doing that and wants to do it and wants to do it at speed.

- 21 MR CURTIN: But with the Research Defence Society, it's like 22 100 years old, isn't it? It was formed in ——
- 23 A. The Research Defence Society was formed in 1908.
- Q. And it formed at the same time as the anti-vivisection movement exploded?

- A. Should we explain what we're talking about? leave it with what Mr Curtin said. He asked everything, Q. Mushroomed. Pardon? 2 2 made every point possible. 3 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, I've worked out that it's one of 3 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: That's very good. Thank you very much, 4 the two organisations. 4 Ms Jaffray. MS JAFFRAY: Okay. 5 A. Yes 5 MR CURTIN: So opposition is vital, I put to you, and MS BOLTON: My Lord, no re-examination. 6 6 7 protesting. People used to protest on the streets of 7 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. 8 8 London 100 years ago, the little brown dog affair, Ms Jarrett, thank you very much for coming to give 9 you're aware of that. 9 your evidence. You're very welcome to stay but equally 10 10 So I think we can finish this very simply that I suspect you have other things that you need to be 11 I defend the right to protest. 11 getting on with. Thank you very much. 12 12 A. Absolutely. Α. Thank you. 13 Q. And there are people in this country that are not 13 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Sorry, I had one question, let me go 14 prepared to hand it over to the sector, full of its 14 back to it. Which was, in the final paragraph of your 15 vested interest, its customs, it's "This is the way 15 statement -- no, the penultimate paragraph, you said: we've done it". We need -- these dogs are dying today 16 16 "Therefore, in simple terms, if MBR Acres were to 17 and you've talked about all these new techniques. So 17 cease supplying dogs for pre-clinical testing in the UK, 18 thank God for protesting, I'd say, and thank God for 18 development of medicine in the UK would be severely and 19 pressure. There's a case where animal experiments --19 adversely impacted, and quite possibly curtailed." 20 2.0 Am I right in thinking that would depend on whether it's not -- it needs looking at. 21 A. And I would suggest that it is looked at a lot. Of all 21 a new supplier entered the market? So if another 22 2.2 areas of science, it's the one that's probably under the supplier entered the market and supplied the dogs, then 23 it wouldn't have -- it's not that MBR are producing 2.3 most scrutiny day in day out. And all the 2.4 legislature — the ASPA that you mentioned, within that, 2.4 a specific variety of dog that only MBR can produce? the requirement to show that you have -- you can justify 2.5 A. Well, there is an aspect -- I think you touched on it 163 1 why you have to use an animal is baked into the 1 earlier about the Marshall beagle versus other beagles 2 legislation. You cannot use an animal in this 2 and the fact that companies like to use the same strain 3 country -- it's illegal to use an animal in this country 3 of animal. if there's an alternative. MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. 5 Q. But the three Rs are saying, on paper, that, "This needs 5 A. But, no, if another dog breeder wanted to come into the to move now, this has to change. The grand talking has UK and obtain planning permission for a dog breeding 6 6 7 got to stop, we need action". 7 facility and build it and set it up and get it licensed 8 8 A. I think we would agree on that. by the Home Office, and start to buy in animals, if they 9 9 MR CURTIN: Good. Okav. I'll sit down. could, from somewhere else in the world, if someone were 10 MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. Ms Jaffray. 10 prepared to sell them surplus animals to start-up 11 MS JAFFRAY: Okay, I don't have anything to add to what 11 another breeding facility, in theory it could happen. 12 Mr Curtin has done. He's far more knowledgeable than 12 In practice, I think it would be extremely difficult for 13 13 me. I'm horrified that animals are being spoken about that to happen. MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right. Thank you very much. 14 like this. There's just one point I wanted to make. 14
  - 15 Activism is not extremism. A. Thank you.

MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Well, it's all about classification of 16

17 terms, Ms Jaffray. I appreciate that people may take

a different view of where the boundaries are between

19 protests and activism and between activism and

2.0 extremism. But, happily, I don't have to draw those

21 lines in these proceedings. I just have to decide 2.2

whether what has taken place is a breach of the civil

23 law and, if so, what the court's response to that is

2.4 going to be. Those are the issues in the case for me.

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(The witness withdrew) MR JUSTICE NICKLIN: Right, that's it for today, isn't it?

overnight and have a think about what she wanted to do.

MS BOLTON: My Lord, it is. My Lord, can I just flag,

I appreciate that Ms Jaffray is going to go away

It doesn't need to be here tomorrow morning but if

potentially by the end of tomorrow at least, if she is

going to proceed, we still haven't seen her evidence or

her report. So if she could just remember that we do

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         our questions, if she's going to give evidence. If
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         she's not, then obviously she doesn't need to worry
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         about it but I just flag it so it doesn't slide, so we
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         get closer and closer to her giving oral evidence.
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