

Reference: FOI 25022

Details of the request:

1. Could you please point me to the summary information regarding your establishment's progress on phasing out animals in basic/fundamental and applied research?
2. Have you provided an end date when the use of animals finally ceases to be used by your establishment?
If not, why not?

Summary

LSBU is able to supply all of the information request.	x
The information (or links to the information if it is already published) set out below.	
LSBU is able to supply part of the information requested.	
The information (or links to the information if it is already published) set out below, together with the reason for the partial response.	
LSBU is unable to supply any of the information requests. Reasons set out below.	

Details of our response:

Exemption:

Exemption	Applied?	Rationale
Section 21 – information already reasonably accessible		
Section 22 – information intended for future publication		
Section 22A – research information		
Sections 30 and 31 – investigations and prejudice to law enforcement		
Section 40(2) – personal information		
Section 43 – trade secrets and prejudice to commercial interests		

Response:

1. Please note that LSBU does not carry out any research on vertebrates or cephalopods. We do not conduct any research/experiment that would be regulated under the Animals in Scientific Procedures Act 1986, or the Animal Welfare Act 2006 and its amendments.
2. The only animal research LSBU carries out is always with non-protected species (non-cephalopod invertebrates) and is mainly observational; the types of projects using animals are very few. As such, we do not have plans to phase out this research as the nature and type of research as well as the species concerned do not raise any significant ethical or regulatory issues.

If you wish to request a review, please set out in writing your reasons and send it within 2 months of the date of this letter to the Group Chief People and Legal Officer, London South Bank University, 103 Borough Road, London, SE1 0AA. We will aim to carry out the review within 20 working days, or in exceptional circumstances within 40 working days.

If you are not satisfied with the review decision, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner whose contact details can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>