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Submission on Cloning

The Lockhart Committee of Inquiry into cloning embryonic stem cell research has recommended the creation of human embryos purely for experimentation. It must be understood that an embryo, created sexually by egg and sperm can be brought to life, and that an embryo created by cloning is no different, and also can be brought to life. Cloning creates a living human embryo, and this is an essential biological truth, and cannot be contradicted. To create a living human embryo for experimentation and then destroy it, or kill it, whatever term that is used, can never be justified, and leads us into unknown waters

In 2002, Parliament unanimously rejected cloning, and as science has not changed since that time, it is difficult to understand why this push has now arisen for the creation of human embryos.

The ban on all cloning, and on creating human, and human-animal hybrids, must be retained.



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