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Dear Ms Newkirk, Dear Ms Hogervorst,

Thank you for your letter, your thoughtful congratulation on my appointment, and thank you for sharing your concerns with us, as well as the information on PETA's Research Modernisation Deal (RMD).

In your letter, you put forward a number of questions on the transition towards animal-free innovation related to research and education. I will discuss this subject with Parliament on the 21st of April 2022, together with the Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality. The transition towards animal-free innovation is an important subject on the agenda, together with the transition of BPRC towards less animal testing.

The director of the research and science directorate of the Ministry, Oscar Delnooz, is furthermore interested to meet you to discuss the points raised in your letter. I propose that you have this meeting together with colleagues from the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food.

You will be contacted in order to schedule this meeting.

Yours sincerely,

the Minister of Education, Culture and Science

Robbert Dijkgraaf