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Dear Mr Lamb

Research integrity inquiry

We understand that our submission [UK Research Integrity Office - written evidence](#) (Your Ref. RIN0069) has been carried forward to the above inquiry.

We are writing to update our submission and inform you that the UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO) will shortly begin a programme of research into research integrity in the UK.

Topics under consideration include:

- The extent and scope of challenges to/ breaches of research integrity in the UK;
- Information on the implementation of *The Concordat to Support Research Integrity*;
- Gathering data from existing reporting mechanisms for research integrity (e.g. annual statements on research integrity published by research organisations);
- The impact of 'research culture' on research integrity, such as the so-called pressure to 'publish or perish' and also the pressure to withhold publication of valid studies; and
- What gaps/weaknesses exist in current structures to safeguard research integrity and how they might be strengthened (through non-regulatory means).

Since 2006, UKRIO has provided independent, expert and confidential support across all disciplines of research, from the arts and humanities to the life sciences. No other organisation in the UK has comparable expertise in providing such support in the field of research integrity.

We already share our insights and practical experience, and those of our subscribers, through our advisory service, publications, events, training activities and in-depth support services for organisations. Our

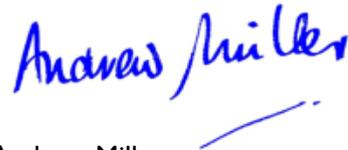
forthcoming research will provide an additional source of information on the state of research integrity in the UK

We would be happy to give oral evidence on the above and other forthcoming activities at UKRIO if that would be helpful to your inquiry.

Yours sincerely



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