

13 September 2018: UKRIO welcomes responses from Government and UKRI to the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee's report on research integrity

The UK Research Integrity Office welcomes the [responses from the Government and UK Research & Innovation](#) to the Science and Technology Committee's [report on research integrity](#). While the UK research community has made considerable progress on research integrity in recent years, the Committee's report shows that there is no room for complacency.

[The Government's response](#) recognises the importance of excellent research and the work of UKRIO in supporting and safeguarding good research practice:

“The Government recognises the important role that UKRIO play in promoting engagement and making clear that public funds should be used with integrity wherever possible to ensure that research is reproducible and reliable. Not all Higher Education Institutions are in receipt of public funding for research but where universities do receive public funding, we will explore with Universities UK (UUK) and UKRIO how we can promote the work of UKRIO as an organisation that furthers good practice in academic, scientific and medical research.”

James Parry, Chief Executive of UKRIO, said:

“We welcome the Government's recognition of the work of the UK Research Integrity Office. UKRIO has been working with the Government, UK Research & Innovation and others to explore how the Committee's recommendations might be implemented. We will continue to use our unique expertise to inform UK policy and practice on research integrity.”

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. The UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO) is an independent charity, offering support to the public, researchers and organisations to further good practice in academic, scientific and medical research. We promote integrity and high ethical standards in research across all disciplines of research, from the arts and humanities to the life sciences, as well as robust and fair methods to address poor practice and misconduct. We do this through our publications on research practice, our support and services to organisations, our education and training activities, and by providing expert guidance in response to requests for assistance.
2. On 11 July 2018, the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee published its report on research integrity. It explores the scope and impact of problems arising from mistakes, questionable behaviours and misconduct in research, and what might be done to address these issues. The report, along with further information on the inquiry into research integrity, is available [on the Committee's website](#).
3. On 13 September 2018, the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee published response from the Government and UK Research & Innovation to the Committee's report on research integrity. The responses, along with comments from Norman Lamb MP, the Chair of the Committee, are [available on the Committee's website](#).
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