

UK. LICENCES GRANTED FOR HUMAN-ANIMAL HYBRID EMBRYOS

The fertility watchdog, the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, have taken the controversial step of granting licences to two research centres to create human-animal hybrid embryos. The democratically elected House of Commons have not yet voted on whether or not such research should be legal, and are expected to do so in the coming weeks.

The Christian Legal Centre (CLC) and Comment on Reproductive Ethics (CORE) are considering whether to bring a legal challenge against the HFEA.

Media Links

- BBC News 24 report on the HFEA decision, 17 Jan 2008
<http://www.ccfon.org/mediacentre.php?avid=30&avap=1>
- BBC News 24 with Josephine Quintavalle of CORE on the HFEA decision, 17 Jan 2008
<http://www.ccfon.org/mediacentre.php?avid=29&avap=1>
- BBC 'The Record', showing highlights of the House of Lords debate on hybrid embryos, 15 Jan 2008
<http://www.ccfon.org/mediacentre.php?avid=31&avap=1>