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Supplementary Submission

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PSGR would welcome an opportunity to speak to this submission.

Physicians and Scientists for Global Responsibility Charitable Trust (PSGR) work to educate the public on issues of science, medicine, technology (SMT). PSGR work to encourage scientists and physicians to engage in debate on issues of SMT, particularly involving genetics and public and environmental health.

On behalf of the Physicians and Scientists for Global Responsibility we forward to the Select Committee a Supplementary Submission.

This is to correct an error made in our <u>original submission</u>. We incorrectly stated the term 'proportion/proportionate' was applied in the text 288 times (paragraph 145). It is in total applied 21 times.

We note the fact that the word is given no meaning in the bill, and instead there is merely a promise creates manifold absurdities due to pervasive uncertainties.

The term is not defined, nor does the Bill text provide a legal framework (inclusive of principles) which would assure the public that actions will be accountable, transparent and proportionate to any risk of any regulated product, and so act to protect health. It is unlikely that officials will, or could be held to account that their actions would be proportionate should a controversy arise.

The PSGR are confident that the original submission remains accurate to the best of our knowledge.