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Extract from Minutes of Tobacco Executive Committee
meeting held on 25th January 1980.

X.23 BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH

Reference: notes 10.1.80 and 23.1.80.

TDB in November requested a note on BAT's involvement in biological testing and research (life sciences).

Consideration was given to the note summarising the present position of BAT and competitors and making recommendations, which have been discussed with CAC companies, based on the use to which the results and expertise can be utilised commercially.

It was agreed that inhalation testing be continued; that bioassay method development be reduced; and that the mouse-skin painting programme be terminated, resulting in 1 full time and 9 part time female assistants becoming redundant.

Revenue expenditure reduction will be £142,000 in each of 1980, 1981 and 1982. This reduction was incorporated in the budget agreed on 3.1.80.

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