

# Questions raised on Antibiotics - February 2014

## Agriculture: Genetically Modified Crops

### House of Lords

11<sup>th</sup> February 2014



**The Countess of Mar** (Crossbench)

To ask **Her Majesty's** Government whether the Ti-plasmid transgene cassette of genetically modified purple tomatoes contains a kanamycin resistance gene; and whether there are any antibiotic resistance genes remaining in the plants or fruit to be used for human trials.



**Earl Howe** (Conservative)

No application has been made for the authorisation of genetically modified purple tomatoes or for their cultivation. The Government therefore does not hold any information on the composition or properties of these plants, including the possible presence of antibiotic resistance genes.