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Norman Lamb (North Norfolk) : To ask the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Health, how many requests for funding of biomedical research into myalgic encephalomyelitis have been received by the Medical Research Council in each of the last five years; and how many of these requests were (a) granted and (b) refused. 59865

Norman Lamb (North Norfolk) : To ask the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Health how many requests for funding of psychiatric paradigms for coping with myalgic encephalomyelitis were received in each of the last five years; and how many of these requests were (a) granted and (b) refused. 59866

Barry Gardiner

The number of requests received by MRC for research on Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS)/ Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) and the number of grants awarded in each of the last five years is as follows:

Year	Applications	Awarded	Declined
2001	2	1 (awarded in 02) 1 (proceed to full proposal which was later funded)	0
2002	2	2 (both awarded in 03)	0
2003	4	1 (awarded in 04)	3
2004	10	0	10
2005	14 (3 still under consideration)	2	9

MRC does not use the term psychiatric paradigms in identifying research applications.