



**FIRST NATIONAL VITAE  
RESEARCH STAFF CONFERENCE**

**NOVOTEL ST PANCRAS  
HOTEL, LONDON  
THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2009**

# MY REMIT

“TO INDICATE HOW THE VOICE OF RESEARCHERS CAN BE MORE EFFECTIVELY HEARD WITHIN INSTITUTIONS AND BY NATIONAL POLICY MAKERS”

# MY EARLY DAYS

- GOOD GENERAL SCIENCE TEACHER AT SCHOOL
- PURCHASE OF A GOOD CHEMISTRY SET
- GOOD TEACHERS AT TECHNICAL COLLEGE
- GOOD GCE'S TO MATRICULATE

# UNIVERSITY AND BEYOND

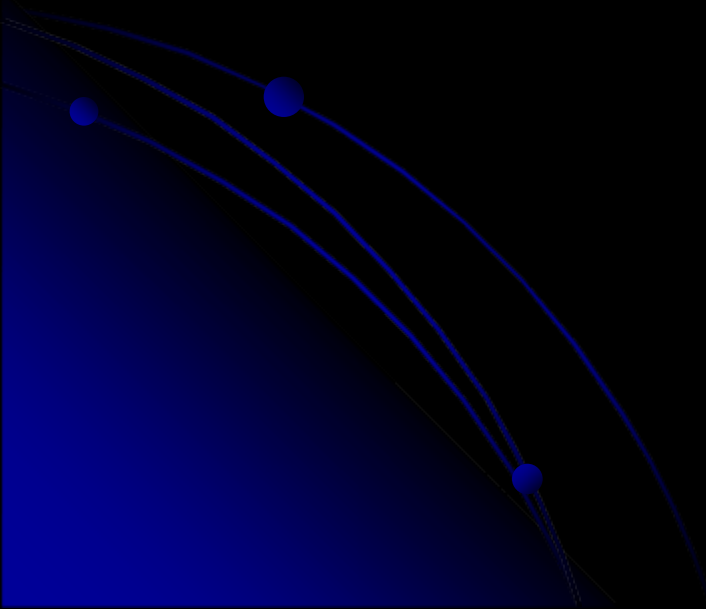
- HULL UNIVERSITY – BSc, PhD, DSc
- UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM – FIRST SENIOR DEMONSTRATOR IN ORGANIC CHEMISTRY AND TEMPORARY LECTURER (1964-1966)
- UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD – LECTURER, SENIOR LECTURER, THEN READER (1966-1997)

# EARLY POLITICAL CAREER

- ELECTED TO BOLTON COUNCIL IN 1977 AND SERVED UNTIL 1998
- CHAIRMAN OF HOUSING FROM 1986-1996
- SELECTED AS A PPC IN NOVEMBER 1994
- ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT IN MAY 1997 AS THE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR BOLTON SOUTH EAST (21,311), THEN AGAIN IN 2001 (12,871) AND AGAIN IN 2005 (11,638)



# SCIENCE IN PARLIAMENT



# REORGANISATION OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

**1997-2007:**

**DTI** – DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

**DfES** – DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION  
AND SKILLS

**2007:**

**DIUS** – DEPARTMENT FOR  
INNOVATION, UNIVERSITIES AND SKILLS

**DBERR** – DEPARTMENT FOR BUSINESS,  
ENTERPRISE AND  
REGULATORY REFORM

# REORGANISATION OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

**2007:**

**DCFS –DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN,  
FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS**

**2009:**

**DIUS AND DBERR BECOME DBIS –  
DEPARTMENT FOR BUSINESS, INNOVATION  
AND SKILLS**

# SCIENCE AND INNOVATION IN GOVERNMENT

- **MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (LORD DRAYSON) – IN CABINET (DBIS MINISTER)**
- **MINISTER CHAIRS THE CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (CREATED IN 2008)**
- **THE COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CST CREATED IN 1993) – REPORTS TO PRIME MINISTER**

# SCIENCE AND INNOVATION IN DBIS

- **GOVERNMENT CHIEF SCIENTIFIC ADVISER** (CREATED 1964 – 10 SINCE) – PROF. JOHN BEDDINGTON IS SUPPORTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OFFICE OF SCIENCE
- **GCSA LIAISES WITH DEPARTMENTAL CSAs**
- **GO-SCIENCE** (£8M BUDGET):
  - SCIENCE IN GOVERNMENT
  - FORESIGHT
  - CST SECRETARIAT

# SCIENCE AND INNOVATION IN DBIS

- **DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SCIENCE AND RESEARCH – PROF. ADRIAN SMITH**
- **RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SCIENCE AND RESEARCH BUDGET:**
  - SEVEN RESEARCH COUNCILS**
  - RESEARCH COMPONENT OF HEFCE**
  - THREE ROYAL ACADEMIES**

# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE

- **REMIT:**

“to examine the expenditure, administration and policy of the Government Office for Science”

GO-Science is a semi-autonomous organisation based in the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills (DBIS). It supports the GCSA.

# **THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (1997-2007)**

- **TITLES OF ITS LAST REPORTS:**

THE WORK OF THE MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

THE WORK OF THE PARTICLE PHYSICS AND

ASTRONOMY RESEARCH COUNCIL

SHORT-TERM RESEARCH CONTRACTS IN SCIENCE AND  
ENGINEERING

THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: SCRUTINY  
REPORT

GOVERNMENT FUNDING OF THE SCIENTIFIC LEARNED  
SOCIETIES

INVESTIGATING THE OCEANS

2007: A SPACE POLICY

FUNDING OF SCIENCE AND DISCOVERY CENTRES

SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO ABORTION

THE LAST REPORT

# **INNOVATION, UNIVERSITIES, SCIENCE AND SKILLS SELECT COMMITTEE (2007-2009)**

**\*PHIL WILLIS (LIB. DEM., HARROGATE & KNARESBOROUGH)**

**DR ROBERTA BLACKMAN-WOODS (LAB., CITY OF DURHAM)**

**\*TIM BOSWELL (CON., DAVENTRY)**

**\*IAN CAWSEY (LAB., BRIGG & GOOLE)**

**NADINE DORRIES (CON., MID-BEDFORDSHIRE)**

**\*DR EVAN HARRIS (LIB. DEM., OXFORD WEST AND ABINGDON)**

**\*DR BRIAN IDDON (LAB., BOLTON SOUTH EAST)**

**GORDON MARSDEN (LAB., BLACKPOOL SOUTH)**

**BOB SPINK (IND., CASTLE POINT)**

**\*IAN STEWART (LAB., ECCLES)**

**\*GRAHAM STRINGER (LAB., MANCHESTER BLACKLEY)**

**DR DESMOND TURNER (LAB., BRIGHTON KEMPTOWN)**

**ROB WILSON (CON., READING EAST)**

# **INNOVATION, UNIVERSITIES, SCIENCE AND SKILLS SELECT COMMITTEE (2007-2009)**

## **INQUIRIES CONCLUDED :**

**FORMATION OF DIUS**

**SCIENCE BUDGET ALLOCATIONS**

**RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY-GENERATION  
TECHNOLOGIES**

**WORK AND OPERATION OF THE COPYRIGHT  
TRIBUNAL**

**FUNDING FOR EQUIVALENT OR LOWER  
QUALIFICATIONS (ELQs)**

**BIOSECURITY IN UK RESEARCH  
LABORATORIES**

**ENGINEERING: TURNING IDEAS INTO REALITY**

**THE LEITCH REVIEW OF SKILLS**

**STUDENTS AND UNIVERSITIES**

# PARLIAMENTARY AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (P&SC)

- FOUNDED 8 NOVEMBER 1939
- MEMBERSHIP OPEN TO ALL MPs, PEERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS
- PRESENTATIONS ON TOPICAL SUBJECTS
- SEMINARS
- VISITS OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT
- ANNUAL LUNCHEON
  
- PUBLISHES “SCIENCE IN PARLIAMENT”
- PUBLISHES “A GUIDE TO SCIENCE IN PARLIAMENT”

# PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (POST)

- FOUNDED IN LATE 1980s AS A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT
- GOVERNMENT FUNDED 1993-1996
- AGREED IN 1995 TO CONTINUE FUNDING UNTIL 2001
- THEN GIVEN PERMANENCE AND MORE STAFF
  
- PUBLISHES POST NOTES
- PUBLISHES LONGER RESEARCH DOCUMENTS
- AVAILABLE TO GIVE ADVICE TO MPs AND PEERS
- ARRANGES CONFERENCES
  
- MANY OF ITS REPORTS ARE WRITTEN BY 'FELLOWS' – SUPPORTED BY LEARNED SOCIETIES, SUCH AS THE RSC

# OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

- FELLOW OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY AND THEIR PARLIAMENTARY ADVISER (LABOUR BENCHES)
- HOSTS RSC EVENTS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
- CONTACTS WITH THE SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY
- CONTACTS WITH THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION
- WAS VISITING PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL
- PATRON OF THE CATALYST DISCOVERY CENTRE
- CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BOLTON TECHNICAL INNOVATION CENTRE UNTIL VERY RECENTLY
- HOSTS EVENTS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS FOR “SET FOR BRITAIN”
- ROYAL SOCIETY ‘PAIRING SCHEME’

# ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS

- **DRUGS MISUSE – CHAIRMAN FOR 10 YEARS**
- **WARM HOMES – TREASURER**
- **BRITAIN-PALESTINE – SECRETARY**
- **CHEMICAL INDUSTRY - CHAIRMAN**
- **AEROSPACE**
- **ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY**
- **CLOTHING AND TEXTILES**
- **FIREWORKS**
- **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
- **PAPER INDUSTRY**
- **PHARMACEUTICALS + NW PHARMACEUTICALS INDUSTRY**
- **PHARMACY**

# OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- ADJOURNMENT DEBATES
- EARLY DAY MOTIONS (EDMs)
- PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS (PQs) – WRITTEN AND ORAL
- PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS (PMQs) – ORAL ONLY
- PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS:
  - BALLOT BILLS (TWENTY)
  - PRESENTATION BILLS (FEW)
  - TEN MINUTE RULE BILLS (LIMITLESS NUMBER)

