MPs and Science

Science, Uncertainty, Evidence and Policy

Tuesday 15th June 2010, 5 - 6pm, Thatcher Room, Portcullis House

A distinguished panel of speakers will talk about the importance of science to Members of Parliament, including:

- David Willetts MP, Minister of State for Science and Universities
- Professor John Beddington, Government Chief Scientific Adviser
- Phil Willis, former chair of the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee
- Members of the Board of the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology.

There will be a chance to discuss topics such as:

- why science is important to MPs, including constituency issues
- the role of science in evidence-based policy making in government departments and the role of Parliament in scrutinising policies to ensure they are evidence-based
- how scientific uncertainty can affect policy debates
- the use and abuse of statistics
- key science issues for the new Parliament and the range of science advice and resources available to Members.

To attend, please book a place at http://proceduralapplications.parliament.uk/MembersBriefings/ or contact Nadine Walters (waltersn@parliament.uk, x8377).