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MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

on **TUESDAY, 21st APRIL 2009 AT 5.15 pm**

IN THE BOOTHROYD ROOM, PORTCULLIS HOUSE*

(Please recheck the room allocation on <http://www.scienceinparliament.org.uk> on the day)

at 5.15 pm ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at 5.30 pm DISCUSSION MEETING

**DOES SECURITY TECHNOLOGY
RESTRICT PERSONAL FREEDOM?**

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The application of security technology increasingly permeates every aspect of life. It is there to provide security, especially where the greatest risks to individual, commercial or national security are most likely to occur. However, some believe that this results in unnecessary restrictions on personal freedom.

Will future planned developments in security technology have an impact on personal freedom? To what extent are we prepared to accept the benefits arising from the introduction of new security technologies if they also result in restrictions to personal freedom? Is it possible to reach a consensus?

DR DOUGLAS NAYSMITH MP

Chairman

*Portcullis House is on the corner of Bridge Street and Victoria Embankment; the entrance is on Victoria Embankment.
The Boothroyd Room is on the first floor.