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Hilary Benn uses science and technology to fight world poverty. Peter Saunders' British Science has been saved but we still need to Campaign for Science and Engineering. John Holman's science education is essential to the UK. Roy Anderson delivers advice on defence, science and technology to the MOD. John Beddington supports Defra's CSA with independent, expert, strategic advice. Donald Braben claims dissent is stifled by bureaucracy which is inimical to new science. Tom Kirkwood's life expectancy increases relentlessly although restrained by free radicals. Ageing in John Lever's proteins, collagen and elastin, leads to changes in cardiovascular and skeletal systems. Reynold Greenlaw's special glasses designed for those suffering from Parkinson's disease, enable them to walk more easily. Alec Broers responds with a definitive "yes" to the need for the nuclear energy option. Donald Miller's balanced energy policy provides a nuclear new build checklist with four points for early action. Ann McCall's technically viable phased geological nuclear waste repository awaits a decision to start. Godfrey Boyle argues for a non-nuclear future as in Germany, although this is closely integrated with French nuclear power. Tom Parkhill celebrates the centenary of Ernest Starling's discovery of chemical messengers or hormones. Failure of structural steelwork in the World Trade Center collapse contrasts with the ability of concrete to withstand intense fires. Lloyd Anderson's British Council Science hub networks with the global knowledge economy. Robert Freer compares the opinions of MPs and the public on nuclear power. Lawrie Haynes' nuclear cleanup supports the case for new nuclear build. Keith Lawrey checks out the Charities Bill.

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