



PARLIAMENTARY SPACE COMMITTEE


An Associate Parliamentary Group

Chairman: Adam Afriyie MP

Parliamentary Space Committee Summer Reception

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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

	<p>Adam Afriyie MP</p> <p>Adam Afriyie is the Member of Parliament for Windsor. At the 2010 election, Adam secured Windsor with the biggest majority in the history of the seat with 61% of the vote and the biggest combined swing from Labour and LibDems for an incumbent MP. He is Chair of the Parliamentary Space Committee.</p> <p>Adam has a depth and breadth of business and parliamentary experience. He is Chair of the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology and served as Shadow Minister for Science and Innovation from 2007 to 2010. He has served on Select Committees and Standing Committees and led policy development.</p> <p>Adam's business experience is well recognized. Prior to becoming an MP in 2005, he was a successful entrepreneur in the information services and technology sector. He was a regional finalist in the 2003 Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the year awards, and in 2005 he sold his controlling interest in DeHavilland Information Services to EMAP plc. As Patron of Berkshire Young Enterprise, Adam is keen to encourage teenagers to recognise their business skills as early as possible.</p>
	<p>Rt Hon David Willetts - Minister of State for Universities and Science, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills</p> <p>David Willetts is Minister for Universities and Science. He has been the Member of Parliament for Havant since 1992. He has worked at HM Treasury, the Number 10 Policy Unit, and served as Paymaster General in the last Conservative Government.</p> <p>He is a Governor of the Ditchley Foundation and a member of the Council of the Institute for Fiscal Studies. He has written widely on economics and social policy. His book <i>The Pinch: How the Baby Boomers Took Their Children's Future – And How They Can Give It Back</i> was published last year.</p>
	<p>Colin Paynter - Chief Executive Astrium Ltd</p> <p>Colin Paynter is Chief Executive Officer of Astrium Limited in the UK. Astrium designs and manufactures complete civil and military systems covering telecommunications, Earth observation, science and navigation including all spacecraft avionics and equipment. EADS Astrium employs over 3000 people in the UK at sites in Portsmouth, Stevenage and Poynton. He was appointed as CEO of Astrium Ltd in 2002.</p> <p>In addition to his UK duties, on 1st December 2010 Colin became responsible for Strategy & Business Development for Astrium reporting to the CEO, François Auque. Prior to this, from 2007 to 2010 Colin was Head of Business Growth for Astrium Services which covered Mergers and Acquisitions, Business Development and Sales & Marketing.</p> <p>Colin's career spans both the civil and military fields and he has successfully run large multi-company, multi-national programmes.</p> <p>Since heading Astrium in the UK, Colin has worked closely with BIS, DIUS, MoD, and other Government departments to increase Government and Parliamentary awareness of the UK space industry - including its world-leading technology and contribution to the economy and society at large. He played a leading role in the Space Innovation and Growth Team which reported to Government in January 2010.</p>