

[The British House of Commons]

Crime Prevention (Technology)

23. **Mr. Burgon:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what discussions he has had with representatives of the business community about the use of technology to prevent crime. [121554]

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Mr. Charles Clarke: We have established a number of initiatives to discuss with the business community the use of technology to prevent crime. We are working with industry to encourage the comprehensive electronic tagging or "chipping" of goods. The ability to track and trace goods effectively will have far-reaching implications for commerce and crime reduction. We are funding the

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Foresight Crime Prevention Panel, which includes business and industry representatives and is specifically seeking to identify opportunities for using advances in technology to reduce crime. Action teams, with representatives and is specifically seeking to identify opportunities for using advances in technology to reduce crime. Action teams, with representatives from business community, have also been established to look at retail, vehicle and property crime, including the use of technology.

Germar Rudolf

21. **Mr. Dismore:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if he will make a statement concerning the case of Germar Rudolf. [121552]

Mr. Mike O'Brien: The Government are aware of the reports in some quarters that Mr. Rudolf may be in the United Kingdom. The police have also been informed of the allegations against Mr. Rudolf.

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