

Statement on Science and Technology Committee report

The House of Commons Science and Technology Committee has published [a report](#) into the work of the Biometrics Commissioner and the Forensic Science Regulator.

The report, which focuses on market stability and statutory powers, makes a number of recommendations. It calls on the government to work with the Forensic Science Regulator to develop proposals for a National Forensic Science capability, while urging the Home Office to apply for a legislative slot for the Forensic Science Regulator Bill in the next Parliamentary session.

Forensic Science Regulator, Dr Gillian Tully, said:

I welcome the report from the House of Commons' Science and Technology Committee, which recognises the fragility of the forensic science market and the urgent need for in-house police laboratories to achieve the required quality standards.

It is clear that the Government must urgently give this office the legal authority to enforce these standards and ensure effective delivery of justice.