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Who's Who in the new Constitution Unit

initial research topics

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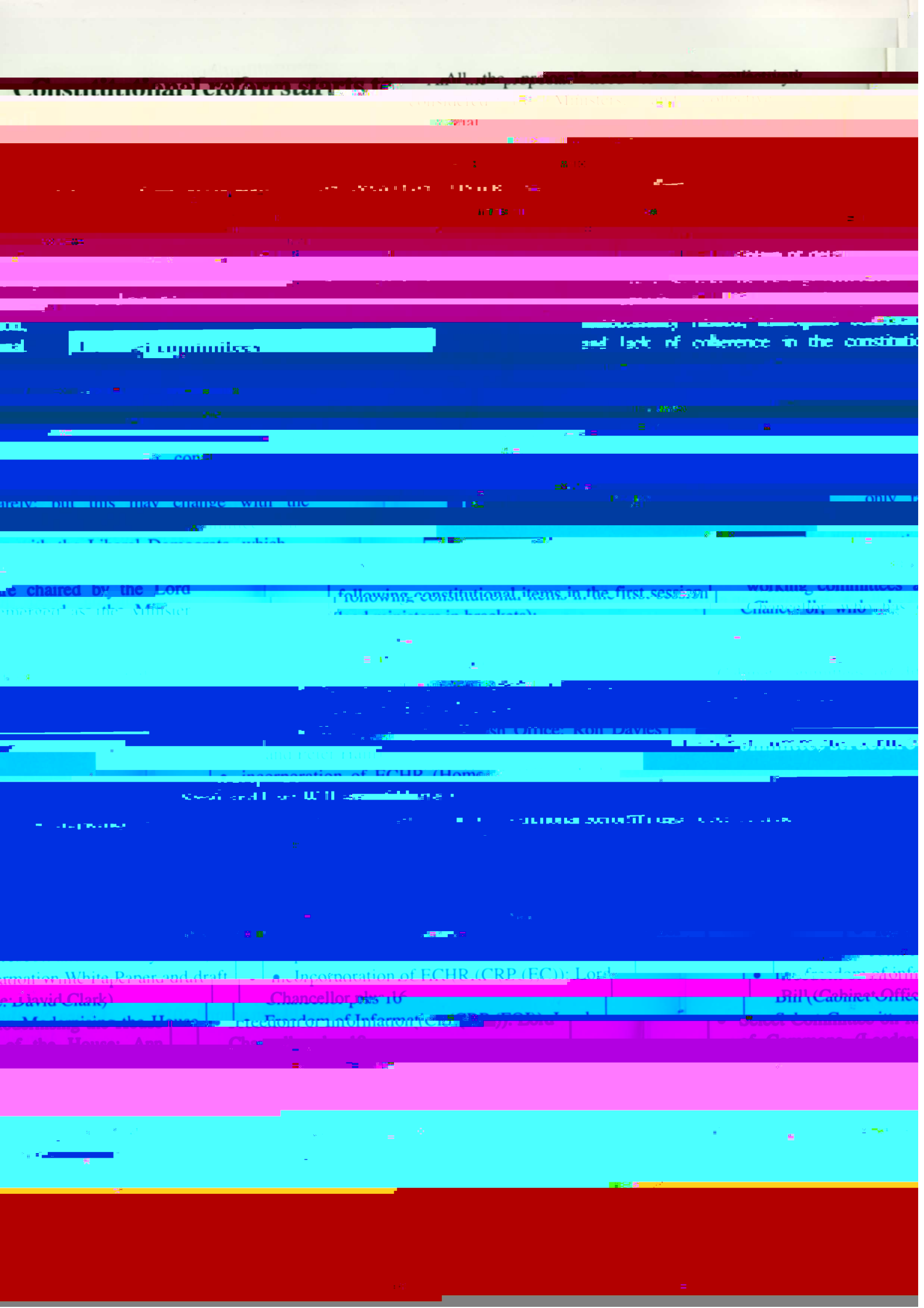

The Cabinet sub c[illegible] on London existed [illegible]

under the previous government, but an important part of its new role is to develop the plans for the strategic authority for London and in this [illegible]

Scotland

The Scottish White Paper (Scotla[illegible] Parliament, Cm 3658) [illegible]

[illegible]

risen to around 99% of the UK average.

The Referendums (Scotland and Wales) Bill was [illegible] after two days in Committee on the floor of the House. It was sent unamended to the Hou[illegible] Lords, where the Government suffered only one defeat (forcing the referendums to be held on the same day; this was subsequently reversed in the Commons). The Referendums Bill rece[illegible] royal assent in July [illegible].

Criticisms voiced in the parlia[illegible] referendums, the move [illegible] referendum [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] the main devolution bills in [illegible] ecember 19[illegible] with [illegible] court. [illegible] the aim of [illegible] ieving royal assent in July 1998 [illegible]

The first elections to the new asse[illegible] be held in spring/s[illegible] assemblies being fully [illegible]

[illegible] of Lords is, in most matters, the final court of the UK's [illegible] and should also be the final [illegible] ummer 1999 with the [illegible] and all other constitutional disputes. [illegible] p and running in 2000.

[redacted] by the body which appoints them and which funds them.

The Welsh White Paper (A Voice [redacted] Wales, Cm

[redacted] or long lasting settlement. The specific [redacted] chambers. It does not explain why the [redacted] a stable

[redacted] government RDAs. In subsequent negotiations the DTI has [redacted] accountability by adopting a local [redacted]

[redacted] White Paper: see order form for details

[redacted] responses in [redacted]

[redacted] regional chambers and directly elected regional [redacted] submitted to a referendum [redacted] assemblies remains unclear. The main issues are: [redacted]

[redacted] this way. RDAs might be required to give an [redacted] has been consulted about this, together with Professor Iain McLean (elections expert) and the

IGC Bill

Parliamentary reform

Foreign Office: Robin Cook

Office bill to secure the Treaty

A. Foreign

approach to timetabling; increased consultation on draft bills, and more pre-legislative scrutiny, including by Select Committees; more effective use of Standing Committees; and carry over of

Home Office: Jack Straw and Lord Williams Mostyn.

A White Paper is to be published at the

committee's report merely sets out the opposing

Will the courts be able to strike down legislation which is inconsistent with the ECHR? There

legislation, and to amend the

tentative terms, the

adaptation of the New Zealand model. This

Although expressed in

esent in bold them.

inconsistency, but leave it to Parliament to amend or repeal the offending statute.

big a change they repre

legislative procedures will depend on how the new government is in making use of

• Human Rights Commission

This is supply simulation for Vin Taylor is

Rights Co

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must be passed by the summer of 1998 for the

Freedom of Information

but is now expected in the autumn. The

the possibility of pre-legislative hearings on the

- Scope

other public bodies, to hospitals and NHS trusts; to schools, colleges

will nominate the additional members.

What Next?

- Costs and charges

Burdensome, especially for the big case

over the cost without

is impossible to rec

setting charges at a politically

records (card indexes, files, ...). It will

se of words is likely to be for the next

introduce a regime which partially overlaps with

the new data protection regime. It will