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'Challenges ahead: integrating drones in civil airspace'

Speakers:

Gerry Corbett, Civil Aviation Authority
Professor Keith Hayward, Royal Aeronautical Society
Anne Russell, Information Commissioner's Office

5pm, Wednesday 25 June 2014
Committee Room 9, Palace of Westminster

The APPG on Drones is pleased to host a meeting on current domestic regulation governing the use of unmanned systems in non-segregated airspace. The Departments for Business, Innovation and Skills and Transport are keen to promote the market for 'civil' drones – and open national airspace for their use. This raises unique challenges for departments, national aviation authorities and regulatory bodies. The meeting will focus on identifying key challenges to the existing legal frameworks; and consider possible next steps with a view to ensuring that any integration of drones is not only safe and secure, but adequate consideration is given to the protection of privacy and personal data. The speakers will be invited to comment the 2 recent trials of surveillance drones: Aeryon Skyranger (Sussex Police) and Global Hawk (NATO)

Gerry Corbett is Unmanned Air Systems Programme Lead at the Civil Aviation Authority. He wrote Civil Aviation Publication 722 ('CAP 722'), the primary guidance for unmanned air systems in UK Airspace. Gerry is planning to update the guidance later this year.

Professor Keith Hayward is Head of Research at the Royal Aeronautical Society and a Research Fellow at Royal United Services Institute. Professor Hayward has written Whitehall Papers on the Aerospace Industry and Military Space Policy.

Anne Russell is Senior Policy Officer at the Information Commissioner's Office in the Strategic Liaison department's Police, Justice and Border's team. Anne's work covers issues affecting personal data and privacy in her sector.

Chair: Tom Watson MP
All Members of both Houses and their staff are welcome to attend