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Government Drops ID Card Plans

BBC NEWS : Tuesday 5th April

Controversial plans to introduce a compulsory ID card scheme across the UK will not become law ahead of the election, Charles Clarke has confirmed. The home secretary said Labour would re-introduce the plans if re-elected on 5 May. [Read more...](#)

More Greasy Palms

Defy-ID Research Team : Wednesday 23rd March

Have you heard of EURIM? I doubt you have but I'll bet your MP has. EURIM is an "Parliament-Industry" group funded by its members, many of whom stand to profit from the ID Card scheme. EURIM says it is "a fast-track conduit through which ICT stakeholders can communicate their concerns to policy makers in government". EURIM members include Atos Origin, Electronic Data Systems (EDS), Experian, Fujitsu Services and Microsoft. More information about Eurmin is available on their website at www.eurim.org.uk.

Whilst EURIM think it unlikely that the ID Bill will reach the statute books before the election "the momentum is such that the Bill will almost certainly be reintroduced, but the form it takes and the subsequent implementation plans will depend on the colour of the next Government, and the size of its majority". EURMIN are working to produce a briefing on the ID card scheme to go to all MPs after the general election.

Philip Virgo, secretary general of the EURIM told vnunet.com that the levels of support from voters for a single digital identity was such that MPs would have to institute some form of ID system. Some MPs had held constituency polls that indicated support as high as 80 or 90 per cent. Virgo said, "ID cards will be counted out unless the election is postponed. But there is sufficient momentum that, almost regardless of who is elected, personal ID cards will come back in some form or another". [Read more...](#)

Current identity card legislation must be abandoned, urges LSE study

London School of Economics : Monday 21st March

Current identity card bill proposals are 'too complex, technically unsafe, overly prescriptive and lack a foundation of public trust and confidence', according to a new report published by academics from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

The report, "The Identity Project: an assessment of the UK Identity Cards Bill and its implications", is a major root and branch analysis of the Identity Cards Bill. It involved more than 100 academics and outside experts in the fields of law, technology, information systems, government policy, business, economics and security and is the most comprehensive analysis yet produced during the two-year gestation of the proposals. [Read more...](#)

Minister stands firm on ID cards

BBC News : Monday 21st March

The government is determined to press ahead with its plans to introduce a national ID card system, Home Office minister Baroness Scotland has said. Having a "clear, unequivocal and unique form of identification" offered clear benefits, she told peers as she opened the second reading debate on the Bill. The plans have already been agreed by the Commons, and received an unopposed second reading in the Lords later. [Read more...](#)

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Day of Action

January 28th

On Friday 28th January, there were Defy-ID protests against the identity card scheme in London, Liverpool and Manchester. [Read more...](#)

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