

The waiting game

Parliament may have been on holiday for the past two weeks but the unmistakable sound of furrowed brows being furiously scratched echoes through the corridors of Whitehall nonetheless. We all know that John Denham was last seen pacing his office worrying about when to break the news that he is postponing the Research Excellence Framework, but rumour has it that the Commons IUSS committee has a postponement of its own to deal with. We've heard members can't agree on the final wording of their report on the science budget allocations and will not be releasing it this week, as was originally planned.