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Government papers

Professor Blackburn has been requested to provide advice on constitutional matters to government departments including the Cabinet Office on many occasions, generally on matters of a confidential nature. His commissioned work in the public domain carried out for UK or international official bodies include the reports he prepared as UK National Correspondent to the Council of Europe Directorate of Human Rights, Strasbourg, during his appointment for 25 years, 1983-2008, published in the *Yearbook of the European Convention on Human Rights* (Liden, Netherlands: Brill Publishers).

Conference papers

Professor Blackburn has presented academic papers at conferences on UK and comparative constitutional law issues on many occasions. They include inter alia, "The Crown in the government formation process: The Netherlands and the UK" for a conference on *Monarchy and Politics in Democratic Systems* at the Magdalena Palace, Spain in 2016; on "The Future of UK Constitutional Law" at a conference on *Comparative Constitutional Change* at the Centre of Comparative European Law, Athens, 2018; and on "Church and State in the 21st Century: Constitutional Considerations" for the Ecclesiastical Law Society annual conference on *Church and State in the 21st Century* at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park, 2019. During a series of European events to mark the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta in 2015, he delivered commemorative papers at the Universities of Amiens, Brescia, and Athens, and chaired a conference on "The Rule of Law, Democracy and Human Rights" at the European Court of Human Rights building, Strasbourg.