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Richard Allan

Lord Allan of Hallam

Richard was elected as Member of [Parliament](#) for Sheffield Hallam in 1997 and re-elected in 2001 before giving up his seat in 2005. He entered the House of Lords on 26 July 2010.

Richard specialised in technology policy issues in Parliament and was a principal spokesman on a several bills including the Data Protection Act, the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act and the Communications Act. He was Chair of the Information Committee in the 1997 Parliament and a member of the Public Accounts and Liaison Committees in the 2001 Parliament.

Richard Allan joined [Facebook](#) in June 2009 to lead the company's public policy work in Europe.

Prior to joining Facebook, Richard was European Government Affairs Director for [Cisco](#) from September 2005.

In April 2008 the UK Cabinet Office appointed Richard as Chair of the [Power of Information Task Force](#) to work on improving the use of government data.

Richard writes and speaks on a wide range of technology policy issues and has been an academic visitor at the [Oxford Internet Institute](#).

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