

SENATE: 23 SEPTEMBER 2026**REPORTED BUSINESS**1. Chair of Senate's Action

On 20 July 2026, the Vice-Chancellor and President took Chair's action on behalf of Senate to grant the title of Emeritus Professor to Sir John Burn (Translational and Clinical Research Institute).

2. Deaths

September 2026

Dr John Backhurst. John studied his degree and PhD at Newcastle University before becoming a member of staff in the Department of Chemical and Process Engineering. He became Senior Lecturer in August 1990 and then Head of Department, retiring on 31 July 2002. John was a great colleague, an outstanding researcher and co-author of eight books. He loved teaching and was renowned for the kindness and support he gave to his students.

Senate records its deep regret and sympathy for the relatives concerned.