

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Artificial Intelligence

Evidence Meeting 7 – Next Steps

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SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

AI Fact vs. Fiction

Myth 1: General AI – Machines will be capable of experiencing consciousness and become self-aware

Fact: Use Case Driven AI – Narrow AI is the reality when it comes to AI in most business contexts.

Myth 2: AI will take all the jobs – Humans will be fully replaced by robots in the workplace. As robots will do all of the work, unemployment will increase rapidly.

Fact: The workforce will be impacted in some way – Some jobs will go; some will be partially automated; some will be barely affected.

Myth 3: AI will only be for the technological elite – AI will only be accessible by elite companies such as Google, Amazon, and Facebook, and will have no impact in other industries or companies.

Fact: AI can be accessible and utilised by many people and many types of companies – AI will only be developed by a (relatively) small number of tech firms, even though it can be widely accessed by individual consumers and businesses.

Predictions for the Future

Prediction 1: AI will be collar-blind

- AI will have an impact on many different levels, it's not limited to blue-collar work.

Prediction 2: Person + machine > person or machine

- AI will have the most impact when it used by people, rather than when it replaces them.

Prediction 3: There will be uneven adoption of AI

- AI will not be utilised by all industries or countries at the same time or speed.

Prediction 4: Voice assistants may be one of the greatest AI disruptions

- The greatest disruption (opportunity and challenge) is going to occur through mass adoption of relatively 'simple' virtual assistant technologies.

Prediction 5: Convergence of technologies

- Future developments in AI will increasingly hang off the platforms/applications that have already been or are likely to be very widely adopted

Challenges

Challenge 1: Data

- Generally, the state of data in business is that much of the data currently in use is lives in legacy systems, and the data quality can often be unreliable.

Challenge 2: Trust

- It is important to create a culture of trust around AI. People must be able to trust both the data and the algorithms.

Challenge 3: Skills

- Need for workers with higher cognitive skills, social and emotional skills, advanced IT and programming skills.

Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Trusted AI framework

- There are five key attributes necessary to sustain trust in AI: Performance, Bias, Resiliency, Explainability and Transparency.

Recommendation 2: Governance model

- Need to build universal but culturally adaptive ethical guidelines, codes of conduct and codes of practice.

Recommendation 3: Education & Skills Development

- Adjust the curriculum to embed STEM and creative skills at an early age to start creating the foundations for the jobs of the future.
- Additionally, there needs to be programs to re-educate and reskill the workforce