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Database security

Robert MacCormick (Letters, 27 October) expresses concern at the security of the planned identity card database that will contain vast amounts of personal information. But his concern about hackers is only the tip of the iceberg. Biometric technology is being introduced in indecent haste as governments struggle to deal with the terrorist menace. That this technology has already been found wanting in some areas appears to be swept under the carpet.

The need to employ and train new experts across the world will continue at a time when there are no international standards as to what constitutes a fingerprint identification and more, and more errors are being revealed in forensic identification.

In Scotland, the fingerprint service is in a state of chaos following the Shirley McKie fiasco that is close to entering its 10th year without resolution.

We all have cause to be worried given the very real danger of being caught up in a technological or human identification blunder.

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