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DATA PROTECTION ACT GUIDANCE NOTE

Further to my letter of 10th December, I am writing with a final version of the above Guidance Note, and a copy of a letter that I have received from Phil Jones at the Information Commissioner's office.

It is clear that the Commission must endorse this note as soon as possible – and I would aim for that to take place at its meeting on the 2nd February. Given that we consulted exhaustively on the matter last year, I am not really asking for substantive comments this time, particularly as the note is considered to be accurate by the Information Commissioner. Moreover, there is a very clear disclaimer in that it underlines that the guidance is general and should not be relied upon as legal advice.

If you have any pressing comments or queries, please let me know as soon as possible. Otherwise, I shall put the note to the Commission for ratification shortly.

With kind regards.

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