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Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster: Written Ministerial Statement on Data Handling Procedures in Government: Interim Progress Report

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On 21 November, the Prime Minister announced that he had asked the Cabinet Secretary, with the advice of security experts, to work with Departments to ensure that all Departments and all agencies check their procedures for the storage and use of data.

The Cabinet Secretary has provided an interim progress report, which I have today placed in the Libraries of the House.

The report further sets out a number of initial recommendations relating to the framework within which data is handled, which the Government accepts.

A final report on the work is expected in spring 2008.