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6250/20: A European Strategy for Data

The Committee have asked me to thank you for your Explanatory Memorandum (EM) on the above listed document.

The Commission's 'European Strategy for Data' covers a considerable number of linked areas and the legislative proposals, policy actions, and funding initiatives that it outlines are directly relevant to the UK as a third country. These will be assessed individually by the Committee as and when they are published.

With regard to the Commission's headline initiatives, we are especially interested in its plans for the creation of European 'data spaces' in key economic sectors and request further information on the work the Government has undertaken in this area.

In light of the Commission's plans to review the operation of Article 20 of the General Data Protection Regulation,¹ we would also welcome an update on any work the Government is undertaking regarding regulating for greater data portability for individuals.

We require a response to this letter within 14 working days.

I am copying this letter to Lord Kinnoull and Christopher Johnson in the Lords; Julian Knight MP, Chairman of the Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

¹ [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/679](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) (Text with EEA relevance)

Committee; Darren Jones MP, Chairman of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee; Les Saunders at the Cabinet Office; and to James Ainsworth, Departmental Scrutiny Co-ordinator.

CHAIR