



**Science, Innovation
and Technology
Committee**

Thursday, 17 July 2025

John Edwards
Information Commissioner
By email only

Subject: 2022 MoD data breach

Dear Mr Edwards,

I have noted the statement issued by the Information Commissioner's Office following the announcement of a Ministry of Defence data breach made by the Secretary of State for Defence on 15 July, and in particular confirmation that the ICO was alerted within 72 hours.

In order to bring greater transparency to this important topic I would be grateful if you could also confirm that your response to this particular alert conformed with your usual approach to investigating leaks; and usual methods of assessing an organisations' internal handling of data breaches.

I would be grateful for a response by Thursday 31 July. I intend to place a copy of this letter in the public domain.

I am copying the Chair of the Defence Committee.

With best wishes,

Dame Chi Onwurah
Chair, Science, Innovation and Technology Committee