



**Joint Committee
on the National
Security Strategy**

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**Dan Jarvis MP
Minister for Security
Home Office**

[By email]

Dear Dan,

Ransomware attacks on UK businesses and organisations

Since the beginning of this year, a number of high-profile businesses in the UK, as well as the Legal Aid Agency, have been subjected to extensive and prolonged cyber-attacks.

Household names – Marks and Spencer, the Co-op, Harrods and now Jaguar Land Rover to name a few – are being repeatedly targeted by cyber criminals. These attacks cause a huge amount of disruption to supply chains and critical national infrastructure, create significant cost to the economy, and pose a substantial threat to our national security. Not only this, but the attacks place consumers' personal and financial data at risk of being published online.

Earlier today, the Minister of State at the Department for Business and Trade, Sir Chris Bryant MP, told the House of Commons about the ways in which the Government is supporting organisations affected by cyber-attacks. However, the need to improve the legislative measures to make British organisations less appealing targets to cyber criminals is increasing in urgency.

I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with an update on the Government's legislative ransomware proposals, including whether the Government intends to include the proposals in the upcoming Cyber Security and Resilience Bill. If it will not be included in the Bill, I would be grateful if you could outline which legislative vehicle the Government will use, and when the legislation will be brought forward.

As is usual practice, the Committee will publish a copy of this letter and your response on its website in due course. I would be grateful for your response by Tuesday 30 September.

Best wishes,

**Matt Western MP
Chair, Joint Committee on the National Security Strategy**