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Dear Dame Chi,

Publication of the 2026 Annual Report on the operation of Part 2 of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025

I am writing to you about Part 2 of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 (the 'Act'), which is designed to enable the widespread use of trusted digital verification services (DVS) across the economy. This letter is specifically about the publication of the first annual report on the operation of Part 2 of the Act, which the Secretary of State is required to prepare and publish under section 53. I am pleased to share that the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology has published the first annual report on GOV.UK. I enclose a copy of the report with this letter.

The report provides an account of progress made so far towards implementing Part 2 of the Act, and where further work is needed as the Government continues to build the foundations for a trusted digital verification services market across the UK economy.

The annual report covers the implementation of the UK DVS trust framework, the operation of the DVS register, and the UK CertifID trust mark which will help people and businesses recognise services that are registered as following the DVS trust framework. It also makes references to some non-statutory elements of the government's DVS programme of work such as supporting independent certification and laying the ground for future possible international interoperability. These additional elements have been included to provide a comprehensive picture of all activity relating to the Government's roll out of digital verification services across the UK economy. Finally, the report includes information from the Digital Identity Sectoral Analysis 2026 which was published on 8 July 2026 and can be accessed via this [link](#). This report shows that the UK digital identity and DVS sector is already operating at meaningful scale, with growing consumer uptake and a strong foundation for further expansion. The government will continue to work with industry, civil society, public authorities, regulators and other partners as the DVS ecosystem develops.

I will place a copy of this letter and of the annual report into the Libraries of the House. My officials would be happy to provide further information to the Committee on the annual report, the operation of Part 2 of the Act, or the next phase of implementation, should that be helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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