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Dear Chi,

I am writing to notify you that today, 17 August 2026, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport published a call for evidence to inform the statutory review of sections 1 to 13 of the Telecommunications (Security) Act 2021 ('the Act').

Sections 1-13 of the Act amended the Communications Act 2003 to establish a new regulatory framework for the security and resilience of public telecoms networks and services within the UK. This framework includes:

- Overarching security duties on public telecoms providers to identify and reduce the risks of security compromises, and to prepare for them and remedy or mitigate their adverse effects.
- Powers for HMG to make regulations setting out specific security measures to be taken by the providers, and to make codes of practice containing technical guidance on how the providers can meet their legal obligations. The Electronic Communications (Security) Measures Regulations 2022 and the associated Telecommunications Security Code of Practice were made using these powers.
- Powers for Ofcom (the UK telecoms regulator) to monitor and enforce the providers' compliance with their legal obligations in the Act and regulations, and financial penalties for non-compliance.

Under Section 14 of the Act, the Secretary of State must carry out a review of the "impact and effectiveness" of Sections 1 to 13 every five years. After each review, the Secretary of State must publish a report and lay a copy before Parliament. This will be the first review of the Act, which passed in November 2021.

The statutory review will be underpinned by robust evidence, and industry input is essential. That is why we have launched a call for evidence today, seeking views from stakeholders who have been affected by, or have an interest in, the telecoms security framework.

In conducting the Statutory Review we plan to work closely with the NCSC (the UK's national technical authority for cyber security) and Ofcom, drawing upon their extensive knowledge and experience.

If you would like to contribute any views to the call for evidence, or have any queries about it, please reach out to my office.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Ian Murray MP

