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I have seen your consultation on the right to data. I just want to point out that I hope this does not mean a right to data for free.

The public sector is under strain and any further burdens must be paid for. Please ensure that the data can be provided upon payment of a reasonable fee.

After further reading I just want to make one more comment. A lot of the data held is collected for a specific purpose it might lead people to make the wrong decisions if it is used for a secondary purpose. There must be an exemption that the data is not suitable validated or checked to be correct before release. Putting incorrect or incomplete data into the public domain cannot be allowed.

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