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Committee on
Standards in
Public Life

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Artificial Intelligence and Public Standards Report Follow Up

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

I am writing in my capacity as Chair of the Committee on Standards in Public Life regarding our 2020 report, [Artificial Intelligence and Public Standards](#), which sets out steps to ensure that high standards of conduct are upheld as AI is adopted more widely across the public sector.

I [wrote previously](#) in 2020 as part of our AI follow up work, asking for an update on how you were adapting to the challenges posed by AI. Three years on, I would be pleased to know how much progress you have made in this area, given that developments have moved on at some pace since then. We are continuing to keep an eye on increasing reports in the media that existing frameworks and regulations are not sufficient for dealing with the potentially significant and high profile risks associated with AI.

I would be grateful therefore, if you would complete the attached brief progress update by **15 September 2023**, and return it by email to public@public-standards.gov.uk.

I have written to other regulators and similarly to government departments and public bodies, and will publish a copy of this letter on our website.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact my Secretariat who will be happy to assist you.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Evans of Weardale, KCB DL



Chair, Committee on Standards in Public Life

Regulators Progress Update

Name of organisation:

Name and role of respondee:

At the time of writing the review, the weight of evidence was that the UK did not need a specific AI regulator, which would inevitably overlap with existing regulators. As such, we recommended in 2020 that all regulators should consider and respond to the challenges posed by AI in the fields for which they have responsibility, with help from a regulatory assurance body to assist regulators on AI.

1. How have you adapted your regulatory practices to deal with the challenges posed by AI in your sectors?
2. To what extent can or do you place controls on the bodies you regulate to ensure they are using AI safely and ethically? For example, to ensure they are using AI in ways that are legal and legitimate.
3. Do you have access to sufficient advice and guidance on AI to help you regulate AI effectively within your sectors and remits? From which bodies do you get that support? Could more be done to help you regulate AI effectively in your sectors and remits?
4. Do you have any other comments you would like to make?