

To: Secretary of State

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Meeting Brief Frontier Al Safety Roundtable: Cover page

Wednesday 14 August, 4:30-5:30pm, 100 Parliament Street

Meeting attendees:



Biographies are included in Annex A.

Official(s) attendee(s):

- 1. Emran Mian, Director General, Digital, Technology and Telecoms
- 2. Imran Shafi, Director, Al Policy
- 3. Ollie Ilott, Director, Al Safety Institute
- 4. Lizzie Greenhalgh, Deputy Director, Al Regulation
- 5. Tom Webb, No10 SpAd

Agenda:

- 1. Overview of the Government's priorities for AI and AI regulation
- 2. Discussion

Purpose: To engage with stakeholders on the Government's plans for AI regulation and demonstrate a commitment to work closely with them on developing plans for frontier AI legislation.

Context: We proposed this roundtable following the announcement on frontier Al legislation in the King's Speech

Minister's note page [Officials please leave this section blank]

Meeting Brief

Objective & Handling:

- Open with some high-level remarks emphasising the Government's commitment to harnessing AI to deliver growth and to support the Government's five missions:
 - This is why you have appointed entrepreneur Matt Clifford to lead on an Al Opportunities Action Plan.
 - Explain that we want the UK to be the top destination for AI businesses, and that we want to make sure our ambitions are matched by concrete action that makes investment easier.
- Note that making sure AI is trustworthy is critical to achieving these
 objectives and that is why the Government set out in the King's speech plans to
 develop legislation to place binding requirements on those working to develop
 the most powerful AI models.
- You should use the main part of the meeting for a discussion on stakeholders' views. Given the large cast list, each stakeholder will only have 2-3 minutes to speak. We recommend that chair in listening mode and move between stakeholders swiftly. Prompting questions are included under key points to raise in agenda item 2.



Key points to raise:

Agenda Item 1 - Overview of the Government's priorities for AI and AI regulation:

Key points:

We are committed to placing the UK at the forefront of AI and fully embracing its
opportunities. The AI Opportunities Action Plan will enhance AI in both the public
and private sectors. The Action Plan will look into quick fixes, but also systemic
changes that we can set into motion to support the growth of the AI sector, boost
the responsible adoption of AI across all parts of the economy, and address key
AI enablers such as the UK's compute and broader infrastructure requirements.

- Alongside this, DSIT will become the digital centre of government and transform the public sector's use of technology.
- However, we need to be confident the technology is safe taking steps now will allow us to capitalise on the opportunities of AI with confidence. The manifesto committed to ensuring the safe development and use of AI models.
- We will introduce narrow legislation will which be highly targeted on ensuring the safety of the most powerful AI models. It will put the AI Safety Institute on a statutory footing and build on the voluntary commitments secured at the Seoul and Bletchley AI Safety Summits.
- We know there are lots of important issues related to AI, such as copyright and deepfakes. Government takes these seriously and is committed to working with stakeholders to make sure guardrails are in place where required.

Agenda Item 2 - Discussion:

You should facilitate a discussion on stakeholders' views of our proposals.



- Key prompting questions to direct the discussion:
 - Do participants agree that a narrow, focused approach is right and that going with the grain of company agreements is the right way to go? Or should we look to an alternative model?
 - o What can we learn from other jurisdictions what went well and less well?
 - What are the ways in which we can strengthen the AI Safety Institute on a statutory footing?
 - What are the other important AI related issues that Government should be focusing on in parallel to this work?

Additional lines to take, if needed:					
Will open source AI be included?					
 We will work closely with businesses and AI experts to ensure we maximise the benefits of AI for economic growth and society. We will consult on the exact mechanisms for how the most powerful AI models will be captured in law. 					



How will the Government respond to questions raised by the application of copyright law to training of AI models?

- Whilst this is a complex and challenging area, we understand its importance. I
 can reassure you that it remains a priority for the Government, and Government
 is dedicated to making meaningful progress in this area.
- The Government believes in both human-centred creativity and the potential of AI to open up new creative frontiers.
- Finding the right balance between fostering innovation and ensuring protection for creators and the ongoing viability of the creative industries will require thoughtful engagement and consultation within the creative industries and with companies driving AI development.

How will the Regulatory Innovation Office work with the new regime?

 The Regulatory Innovation Office will support innovation by streamlining and updating regulation, speeding up approval timelines, and co-ordinating issues that span existing boundaries. We will set out further details on the Regulatory Innovation Office in due course.

Why have you cut the compute funding – doesn't this mean the UK risks losing out to other countries?

- We are a committed to building technology infrastructure that delivers growth and opportunity for people across the UK.
- The Government has inherited a difficult economic situation, which is why action
 is already being taken to fix the UK's economic foundations. We are having to
 take difficult and necessary spending decisions across all departments, which is
 essential to restoring economic stability and delivering our national mission for
 growth.



 The Government recognises the importance of large-scale compute infrastructure to achieve our AI, science and research ambitions.

- The AI Opportunities Action Plan, led by the AI Tech entrepreneur Matt Clifford, will consider key AI enablers including compute and broader infrastructure requirements by 2030.
- The Action Plan will also consider how this infrastructure is made available for start-ups and scale-ups and how to develop and attract top AI talent in the public and private sector.

[If pressed] on the CMA's work on Al

 It would not be appropriate for the Government to speculate or comment on live CMA investigations. The CMA is the UK's independent competition regulator – and that independence is an important feature of the UK's business and investment environment.































