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Request

You asked us:

"Please provide a copy of the ICO's response to the Cabinet Office:

'Consultation on draft legislation to support identity verification - Published 4 January 2023'.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-legislation-to-help-more-people-prove-their-identity-online/consultation-on-draft-legislation-to-support-identity-verification#about-this-consultation>"

We received your request on 28 February 2023. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA).

Our response

I can confirm we hold limited information in scope of your request.

The Cabinet Office invited us to respond to the consultation you have linked to. However, we responded to say: *"[The] ICO does not intend to respond to the public consultation on adding a new data sharing objective to the Digital Economy Act 2017 to support identity verification. This is because the ICO regards the legislation to be limited in scope and clear in its explanation for how it will be used."*

This is the full extent of our response to the consultation, as no response to the consultation itself was prepared.

This concludes our response to your request. I hope you find this information useful.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response. Please let us know in writing if you want us to carry out a review. Please do so within 40 working days.

You can read a copy of our full review procedure [here](#).

If we perform a review but you are still dissatisfied, you can complain to the ICO as regulator of the FOIA. This complaint will be handled just like a complaint made to the ICO about any other public authority.

You can [raise a complaint through our website](#).

Your information

Our [Privacy notice](#) explains what we do with the personal data you provide to us, and set out your rights. Our retention schedule can be found [here](#).

Yours sincerely



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