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**Subject:** RE: For info: ICO response to latest Computer Weekly enquiry on cloud computing (CW deadline 5pm today)  
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Thanks [REDACTED], happy with this line and the approach proposed.



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**Subject:** For info: ICO response to latest Computer Weekly enquiry on cloud computing (CW deadline 5pm today)  
**Importance:** High

Hi Emily,

Hope you are well?

I wanted to update you on our response to the most recent Computer Weekly enquiry regarding cloud computing.

To summarise, we received another enquiry from Computer Weekly on this topic with 30+ questions. We see limited benefit in engaging with the questions further or attempting to challenge the narrative. While it is a complicated story and a niche audience, there is slight reputational risk here. Our recommendation is to provide a brief response summarising our position and if the journalist asks for more detail, advise that it will need to be an FOI request as we will not be commenting further from the press office.

I have prepared the below line, with input from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] has also signed this off.

Ideally, I would like to share our response with the journalist just before his deadline of COP today. If you have any issues or questions, or would like any further information, please do let me know before then!

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

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An ICO spokesperson said: "This is a complex issue with several factors to consider, so we have taken the necessary time to review and provide our stakeholders with relevant guidance. We consider that law enforcement agencies may use cloud services that process data outside the UK where appropriate protections are in place.

"Data protection legislation is a risk-based framework which requires all organisations to be accountable for the personal information they process. We expect all organisations, including law enforcement agencies, to appropriately assess and manage any risks associated with their own processing of personal information.

"We have carefully considered compliance in this area and continue to provide advice to law enforcement agencies across the UK on using technologies in a way that complies with data protection law."



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