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Dear Earl of Clancarty,

Thank you for your question in the chamber on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December. This letter is to follow up on your question of whether there is a relationship between EU data adequacy and concerns over IP and copyright.

The European Commission's draft decision from 24 June 2025 on UK adequacy concludes that the UK continues to provide an essentially equivalent level of data protection. The government does not consider there to be specific developments on IP and copyright that pose substantive risks to the EU adequacy decisions being renewed by the EU's deadline for adoption of 27 December 2025.

Data protection and copyright have separate legal frameworks. The consultation on copyright and AI sought views on several topics relating to the interaction between copyright and artificial intelligence (AI). We will ensure any proposals are informed by evidence and tested with stakeholders, and will consider any interaction between data protection and copyright.

The Government has committed to publish a progress update on copyright and AI by 18 December 2025 and publish an economic impact assessment, and report on the use of copyright works in the development of AI systems, by 18 March 2026.

I will place a copy of this letter in the libraries of the House.

Yours sincerely,

Baroness Lloyd

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