

From: ICO
Sent: 12 August 2026 10:15
To: DSC
Subject: Re: Reg 2026 1744 DSC to ICO

Good morning,

Thank you for your letter of 7 August 2026 inviting the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to provide views to the Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee (DSC) on whether the application of Regulation (EU) 2026/1744 would have a significant negative impact on everyday life in Northern Ireland's communities.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a priority area for the ICO due to its potential to pose a high risk to individuals and their rights and freedoms. As personal information is often central to the development and use of these technologies, it must be used responsibly to build public trust in addition to supporting innovation, growth and efficiency. Further information on our work in this area can be found on [our website](#).

We have reviewed the Regulation, the UK Government Explanatory Memorandum and the Department for the Economy's Assessment of Impact. Having considered these documents, we do not believe that the application of the Regulation in Northern Ireland would have a significant impact on the way personal data is processed. The Regulation appears to be primarily concerned with the regulation of AI-enabled machinery and product safety requirements, rather than the processing of personal information.

As such, we have no further comments to offer the DSC from a data protection perspective.

We are grateful to the DSC for consulting with us on this matter and welcome the opportunity to provide input on future occasions where our views may be of assistance.

Kind regards



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██████████, Assistant Assembly Clerk
Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny
Committee

Ref: DSC 96/26
Friday 7 August 2026

Information Commissioners Office
Issued via email to: ██████████

Dear Sir/Madam,

[Regulation \(EU\) 2026/1744 amending Regulations \(EU\) 2024/1689, \(EU\) 2018/1139 and \(EU\) 2023/1230 as regards the simplification of the implementation of harmonised rules on artificial intelligence \(Digital Omnibus on AI\) – Article 3 only](#)

The Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee (DSC) was notified of the above published replacement EU act, under paragraph 6(1)(b) of [Schedule 6B of the Northern Ireland Act 1998](#).

At its meeting on 6 August 2026, the DSC agreed to carry out an inquiry into the replacement act. As part of its inquiry, the DSC is seeking your views on whether applying/not applying the act would have a significant negative impact specific to everyday life of communities in Northern Ireland in a way that is liable to persist.

Should you wish to provide views, you can do so via Citizen Space at the following link: [Regulation \(EU\) 2026/1744 - Article 3 only - Northern Ireland Assembly - Citizen Space](#).

The DSC requests that you also share the survey with any relevant contacts.

The Northern Ireland Assembly uses Citizen Space in its calls for evidence. However, if you are unable to access Citizen Space or need to provide your response in an alternative format, please contact the committee office at: windsorframework.committee@niassembly.gov.uk. The [Privacy Notice](#) provides more information on how Northern Ireland Assembly Committees process and protect personal data we collect from you, or which you provide.

Please note that the survey will close on 16 August 2026.

Yours sincerely,

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