

FOI 14630 AI Readiness in the Public Sector

Request:

AI Strategy and Planning

1. To what extent does your department have a clearly defined and documented AI strategy?
2. To what extent does your strategy or goals align with the AI opportunities action plan?
3. What is the likelihood that your department's AI strategy will be fully implemented within the next two years?
4. How confident is your department that current AI governance structures are adequate for managing AI risks?
5. What percentage of your department's total budget is allocated to AI-related projects this fiscal year? How much is this?
6. How does your department or agency assess the economic impact or cost-effectiveness of AI technologies?

AI deployment and Use Cases

1. What is your department's current stage of AI deployment?
2. For your most significant AI use case, how confident are you that the expected benefits will be realised?

Risk Management and Ethics

1. How thoroughly has your department assessed the risks associated with AI deployment?
2. How confident are you that your department is compliant with relevant data protection laws when using AI?
3. How well does your department ensure transparency in the use of AI in public services?

Data Residency and Sovereign Infrastructure

1. How does your department or public body ensure that its data storage complies with UK sovereignty and data residency requirements? Please outline any policies or regulations guiding data storage within UK borders.
2. Can you provide the proportion of data stored within UK-based infrastructure versus foreign cloud services (e.g., US-based providers) within your department/agency?
3. What measures are in place to ensure that your data storage solutions meet national security standards? Please provide details of relevant frameworks or protocols currently implemented.



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Energy Consumption and Efficiency AI

1. What is the estimated carbon footprint of your department or agency's AI operations (e.g., training, deployment) over the past year? Please include energy consumption figures if available.
2. How do you track the energy usage of AI workloads, and are there any reporting mechanisms in place for sustainability goals? Please provide relevant metrics or guidelines.

Data and infrastructure

1. How would you rate the quality of data used for your AI systems?
2. What is the level of confidence in your department's digital infrastructure's ability to support current and future AI initiatives?
3. Does your department or agency currently use a hybrid infrastructure (i.e., a mix of on-premises and cloud services) for its digital operations, including AI applications? Please specify the proportion of services hosted on each type of infrastructure.
4. What factors influence your department's decision-making process when choosing between public cloud, private cloud, or on-premises infrastructure for AI-related projects or services?
5. What plans or initiatives are in place to ensure your department's digital infrastructure is scalable enough to meet future demands for AI-powered services or technologies over the next 5-10 years?
6. How does your department or agency ensure the quality of data used in AI-driven projects or services? Please provide any metrics, guidelines, or standards employed for data validation.

Skills and Training

1. How effectively is your department upskilling employees to use AI
2. Will you be relying on in-house skills for AI strategy development and implementation or seeking third-party services/consultancy?

Future Ambitions

1. How confident are you that your department will reach its AI ambitions?

Schedule of Response Information:

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