Westminster *e*Forum policy conference:
Next steps for cyber security and resilience in the UK
Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 15th December 2026
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8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Viscount Camrose, former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property (2023-24)

9.05 **The evolving cyber threat environment - developments, preparedness and implications for national resilience**
Senior speaker confirmed from the **National Cyber Security Centre**

9.20 **Regulator readiness and effective oversight under the expanded cyber security framework**
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Information Commission**

9.30 **Implementation of the *Cyber Security and Resilience Bill* - organisational readiness and compliance across regulated sectors**
scope of the expanded NIS framework | *implications for managed service providers, data centres, large electricity users and load controllers, critical supplier designation, and sectors where disruption can have greatest wider impact* | *transition arrangements, secondary legislation, codes and guidance* | *incident reporting including thresholds, incomplete information and avoiding duplication* | *accountability, assurance and alignment with the Cyber Assessment Framework, Cyber Essentials and existing standards* | *supply chain dependencies, proportionality according to size, exposure and systemic importance, and costs and pressures for SMEs and suppliers* | *regulatory coordination where responsibilities intersect* | *cross-border compliance, including NIS2, DORA and other international frameworks*
Dr Sam De Silva, Partner and Global Co-Head, Commercial Practice Group, CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang
Senior representative, data centre
Senior representative, service provider
Senior representative, critical infrastructure

10.00 Questions and comments from the floor

10.20 **Delivery of the *Government Cyber Action Plan* and implications for suppliers and wider industry**
Senior representative, procurement
Questions and comments from the floor

10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Viscount Camrose, former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property (2023-24)

10.50 Break

11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

11.05 **Accountability for cyber risks - leadership, incentives and the *Cyber Resilience Pledge***
Senior representative, industry

11.15 **AI, secure-by-design and the changing requirements for cyber resilience**
Senior representative, technology

11.25 Questions and comments from the floor

11.40 **Priorities for cyber security in critical infrastructure - skills, cross-sector collaboration and support across the supply chain**
Shivali Mathur, Head, NIS Delivery Unit (Cyber Regulation), Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

11.50 **Strengthening cyber capability across the UK economy - adoption, investment, workforce and commercial development**
£90m investment for SMEs and the wider economy | *priorities from the forthcoming National Cyber Action Plan* | *alignment of funding, skills and specialist support with regulatory requirements* | *reaching organisations with greatest need* | *wider adoption* | *cost, complexity and access to expertise* | *Cyber Resilience Pledge uptake, and commercial and reputational incentives* | *access to private investment* | *routes from innovation to commercial scale* | *regulatory certainty, and public procurement as a route to market* | *translating research into operational capability and viable products* | *workforce needs, recruitment, retention and entry-level routes* | *role of universities, research institutions and regional clusters* | *sustainable growth, scale-up and international competitiveness*
Debi McCormack, Programmes and Partnership Director, The Cyber Scheme
Ben Lyons, Senior Director, Policy and Public Affairs, Darktrace
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, research

12.20 Questions and comments from the floor

12.40 **The way forward for UK cyber policy - implementation, resilience and growth**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor

13.05 **Chair's and Westminster *e*Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Thomas Howard, Westminster *e*Forum