Westminster *e*Forum policy conference:
Next steps for cyber security policy and regulation in the UK
Timing: Morning, Monday, 23rd March 2026
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8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rt Hon Baroness Neville-Jones, former Minister of State, Security and Counterterrorism (2010-2011)

9.05 **Assessing the UK's cyber resilience landscape - approaches to tackling emerging threats**
Cliodhna Potter, Director, Advisory, KPMG
Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 **Next steps for regulatory preparedness - stakeholder views on the *Cyber Security and Resilience Bill***
supervisory approach and implementation of regulatory architecture | coordinating between sector regulators | assessing expanded scope of NIS Regulations | priorities for cloud providers, MSPs and data centres | definition of critical suppliers | strengthening supply chain resilience, including AI-enabled risk within systems and automated technologies | incident reporting thresholds, overlaps and burden, including transition timelines and commencement planning | regulatory enforcement and sanction powers | potential ban on public sector ransom payments, and advance notice rules for private companies | coordination with law enforcement and implications of incident response decision-making under pressure | regulatory interoperability, including with NIS2 and DORA
Arunava Banerjee, Cyber Risk Consulting Lead, Zurich Resilience Solutions UK, Zurich Insurance
Dr Ismini Vasileiou, Associate Professor, De Montfort University; and Director, East Midlands Cyber Security Cluster
Joanne Elieli, Partner and Cyber Lead, Stephenson Harwood; and Advisory Board Member, Cyber London
Dr Chris Francis, Director, Government Relations, SAP
Tony Proctor, Security and Information Risk Adviser, West Midlands Combined Authority
Questions and comments from the floor

10.20 **Cyber leadership and board-level engagement - strategic approaches to good governance**
Jessica Figueras, CEO and Co-Founder, Cyber Governance for Boards
Questions and comments from the floor

10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Rt Hon Baroness Neville-Jones, former Minister of State, Security and Counterterrorism (2010-2011)

10.50 Break

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

11.05 **Policy options for supporting cyber resilience and sector growth**
Ben Lyons, Senior Director, Policy and Public Affairs, Darktrace

11.15 **Support needed for protecting critical services and infrastructure**
Senior representative, regulation

11.25 Questions and comments from the floor

11.40 ***UK Cyber Growth Action Plan* - developments, priorities and implications**
Professor Simon Shiu, Professor of Practice in Cyber Security, University of Bristol
Questions and comments from the floor

12.05 **The *National Cyber Action Plan* - implementation, and priorities for growth, innovation and workforce planning**
deployment of Spending Review funding and identifying further investment gaps | practical steps to support innovation, including secure-by-design approaches | R&D investment, including to counter AI-enabled phishing, malware and ransomware | supporting resilience across domestic and international supply chains | uptake of the Software Security Code of Practice | stimulating growth in regional ecosystems and SMEs | skills development, workforce planning and diversity | training and resourcing in local government, public and regulators' supervisory capacity for newly in-scope sectors
Dr Jamie Douglas, Associate Director, Public Affairs, Ipsos
Nick Benson, CEO, CREST International
Tijs Broeke, Director, Government Affairs and Public Policy, HP; Chair, National Cyber Resilience Centre Group; and Chair, City of London Police Authority
Steve Brown, Vice President, Cyber Security and Resilience, Mastercard
Senior representative, investment
Questions and comments from the floor

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