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Dear Mr Campbell,

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 250512042

Thank you for your request dated 12 May 2025 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

I would like to make a FOI request concerning the MoJ's meeting with technology companies on 8 May, as described here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tech-companies-urged-to-join-drive-to-cut-crime>.

Please could you provide me with:

- (1) a full list of all attendees at the meeting, and the companies, organisations or entities that they represent**
- (2) any agendas that were produced for the meeting**
- (3) any minutes or other notes taken of the meeting**

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

I can confirm that the MoJ holds the information that you have requested, and I have provided it below.

Company/techUK member	MoJ attendees
Host/Chair - CEO, techUK	Host/Chair - The Rt Hon. Shabana Mahmood MP, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice
Allied Universal	Host/Chair - Lord Timpson, Minister of State for Prisons, Probation & Reducing Reoffending
Atos	Government Chief Technology Officer, DSIT
Amazon Web Services (AWS)	Director for the Digital Commercial Centre of Excellence within the Government Digital Service, DSIT
BT group	Executive Director for Change, HMPPS

Buddi - Big Technologies PLC	Regional Probation Director, Kent Surrey & Sussex
Capgemini UK	Interim Director, Probation Policy, MoJ
CGI	Director, Justice AI Unit, MoJ
Cineon Training Ltd	Chief Scientific Advisor & Chief Data Officer, MoJ
Cognizant	Deputy Chief Scientific Advisor, MoJ
Cosimmetry	Chief Commercial Officer, MoJ
Esri UK	Commercial Deputy Director, Digital & Technology, MoJ
Google	Commercial Deputy Director, Electronic Monitoring, Youth Justice, Residential Accommodation and New Futures Network, MoJ
IBM	
Madetech	
Make Time Count	
Microsoft	
Nacro	
Net Company	
NTT Data	
Palantir Technologies	
Sas	
Serco	
Service Now	
Splunk	
Talitrix EM Ltd	
TPXimpact	
TransformUK	
Unilink	
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However, the names of some of the attendees are exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOIA, because it contains personal data. The names which have been provided are of Government Ministers.

Section 40(2) and section 40(3A)a of the FOIA taken together mean that personal data can only be released if to do so would not contravene any of the principles set out in Article 5(1) of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018.

Article 5(1)(a) of the UK GDPR states that: “*Personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject*”. In the case of an FOIA request, the personal data is processed when it is disclosed in response to the request. This means that the information can only be disclosed if to do so would be lawful, fair and transparent. Disclosure of information under the FOIA is deemed to be to the wider world.

In order to be lawful, one of the lawful bases listed in Article 6(1) of the UK GDPR must apply to the processing. It must also be generally lawful. It is our view that the lawful basis most applicable is basis 6(1)(f) which states: “*processing is necessary for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the controller or by a third party except where such interests are overridden by the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subject which require protection of personal data, in particular where the data subject is a child*”.

In considering the application of Article 6(1)(f) of the UK GDPR in the context of a request for information under the FOIA, it is necessary to consider the following three-part test:-

Legitimate interest test: *Whether a legitimate interest is being pursued in the request for information.* There is a legitimate interest in knowing who has attended this meeting and to know how the MoJ was represented. This may help to understand how taxpayers’ money is being used in terms of technology.

Necessity test: *Whether disclosure of the information, specifically using the FOIA is necessary to meet the legitimate interest in question.* There is no other, less intrusive way, other than disclosure through the FOIA, to meet the legitimate interest.

Balancing test: *Whether the above legitimate interests outweigh the fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subject.* On balance the data protection rights of third parties, and the need to safeguard their personal information and process it lawfully, outweigh the legitimate interests of the data subject in this case. Individuals have a clear and strong expectation that their personal data will be held in confidence and not disclosed to the public. Disclosure under the FOIA would override the fundamental rights of those concerned.

We have concluded that releasing the requested information into the public domain would be unlawful in this instance; the personal information is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 40(2).

This is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test under the FOIA.

For the answers for questions 2 and 3, we can confirm that the MoJ holds the information that you have requested. However, the information is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the FOIA, because it is reasonably accessible to you. The information can be accessed via the following link:<https://www.techuk.org/resource/ministry-of-justice-innovation-den-2025-expression-of-interest.html> by navigating to the PDF file and opening the document. This contains the agenda on page 6 and the readout which commences on page 7 [MoJ Innovation Den - Expression of Interest.pdf](#) 1.

Appeal Rights

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to request an internal review by responding in writing to one of the addresses below within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

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