



Deputy Aidan Farrelly
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Dear Deputy Farrelly,

Further to Parliamentary Question 4305/26 of 15 January 2026, namely:

“To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality if she will clarify whether personal data held by her Department and its customer facing sections is subject to processing by artificial intelligence tools (details supplied).”

The use of AI in my Department is strictly governed by guidelines applicable to all staff which specifically prohibit any use cases involving sensitive or personal information. At present, my Department is currently using Microsoft Copilot, but has not integrated generative AI tools, with any line-of-business or bespoke applications and therefore does not interface directly with personal data. Staff have also been issued specific guidance on the use of Microsoft Copilot which includes instructions to not input personal data.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Norma Foley', is written over a horizontal line.

Norma Foley TD

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality