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Dear Deputy Farrelly

I refer to your Parliamentary Question 4310/26 of 20th January 2026:

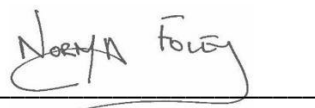
“To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality if she and or her officials have conducted a data protection impact assessment with regards to the use of artificial intelligence tools, and, if so, the dates on which this assessment was conducted.”

New technologies, including those that incorporate AI functionality, are used to enhance efficiency and support business activities in the Department. The use of AI in the Department has regard to the Guidelines for the Responsible Use of AI in the Public Service and is governed by guidelines applicable to all staff.

As part of a broader risk assessment prior to the introduction in the Department of new technologies including those technologies incorporating AI functionality, Data Protection Impact Assessments were undertaken in Q4 2025 in respect of Microsoft Copilot and HubSpot with AI functionality. More recently this month, a Data Protection Impact Assessment was undertaken in respect of Grammarly.

I hope that you find this information helpful.

Regards,



Norma Foley TD

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality