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[Technology Environment 2, Area 1 and Area 2] discussions with MI5

1. During the recent IPCO [Technology Environment, or "TE"] follow up inspection on 3-5 June 2019 we were briefed about the potential error in the [Technology Environment 2, or "TE2"] [Area 1] and [Area 2]. A summary of these discussions is recorded below.
2. Further to their letter of 15 May MI5 reported on work ongoing to identify any potential errors involving [Area 1] and [Area 2] in [TE2]. MI5 explained that their investigations showed there were no reportable errors in [Area 2] and little or no warranted data held in there. The focus was therefore on [Area 1]. [REDACTED] management of and assurance around certain safeguards is not as MI5 would like it to be.
3. This error is not of the same order or type as the [TE]. Work is being led by [a former analyst and user]. [REDACTED]. Access is restricted [REDACTED].
4. [A programme] gives analysts access to [warranted data]. [Area 1 allows analysis of data].
5. [Work] is well underway. MI5 have now scanned [a high percentage] of [Area 1] and don't plan to scan more at present. This is [because of reasons]. [REDACTED]. Most [Area 1] users are in [specified departments] but there is some use made by [other departments].
6. [References to quantities of data held and amounts scanned]
7. [Examples of work within Area 1]
8. [References to questions to MI5 in relation to whether data within Area 1 might [REDACTED]. MI5 to give further consideration]
9. We observed that MI5 needed a clear policy [REDACTED] (whether in [TE] or [Area 1]/[TE2]) [REDACTED]. IPCO expect to be notified [REDACTED]. MI5 have agreed to notify IPCO [REDACTED]
10. MI5 noted that [access] need to be more centrally managed. [REDACTED]. Automated RRD is not routinely applied across [Area 1]. A scan carried out by MI5 identified some historical data [REDACTED].
11. [REDACTED]. MI5 admitted that there has historically been a lack of guidance [for users]. [REDACTED].
12. A number of mitigations are planned. [REDACTED]. MI5 will [start to use a] a quarantined deletion process. [This will provide] a significantly greater level of assurance.
13. [REDACTED]
14. [REDACTED]

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15. IPCO are content with the approach being taken by MI5 which will provide significantly greater assurance [REDACTED].

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