

HMRC Data Loss – Latest Update

On 17th December, the Chancellor of the Exchequer made a [Statement to the House](#) of Commons on the progress report by [Kieran Poynter](#) into the loss of child benefit records at HM Revenue and Customs. The report focuses on urgent measures that should be taken and says that the first measures he would have recommended to protect data security have already been taken by HMRC.

Simultaneously the Cabinet Office issued its Interim [Progress Report](#) summarising Government Departments' and agencies' work to date on examination and improvement of their data handling arrangements.

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