

# Telecommunications (Security) Bill

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**After Clause 23**

BARONESS MERRON  
LORD ALTON OF LIVERPOOL

Insert the following new Clause –

**“Network diversification**

- (1) The Secretary of State must publish an annual report on the impact of progress of the diversification of the telecommunications supply chain on the security of public electronic communication networks and services.
- (2) The report required by subsection (1) must include an assessment of the effect on the security of those networks and services of –
  - (a) progress in network diversification set against the most recent telecommunications diversification strategy presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State;
  - (b) likely changes in ownership or trading position of existing market players;
  - (c) changes to the diversity of the supply chain for network equipment;
  - (d) new areas of market consolidation and diversification risk including the cloud computing sector;
  - (e) progress made in any aspects of the implementation of the diversification strategy not covered by paragraph (a);
  - (f) the public funding which is available for diversification.
- (3) The Secretary of State must lay the report before Parliament.
- (4) A Minister of the Crown must, not later than two months after the report has been laid before Parliament, move a motion in the House of Commons in relation to the report.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This new Clause requires the Secretary of State to report on the impact of the Government’s diversification strategy on the security of telecommunication networks and services, and allows for a debate in the House of Commons on the report.*

LORD COAKER

Insert the following new Clause –

**“Provision of information to the Intelligence and Security Committee**

The Secretary of State must provide the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament as soon as is reasonably practicable with a copy of –

- (a) any direction or notice (or part thereof) that is withheld from publication by the Secretary of State in the interests of national security in accordance with section 105Z11(2) or (3) of the Communications Act 2003;
- (b) any notification of contravention given by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 105Z18(1) of the Communications Act 2003;
- (c) any confirmation decision given by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 105Z20(2)(a) of the Communications Act 2003;
- (d) any reasons for making an urgent enforcement direction that are withheld by the Secretary of State in the interests of national security in accordance with section 105Z22(5) of the Communications Act 2003; and
- (e) any reasons for confirming or modifying an urgent enforcement direction that are withheld by the Secretary of State in the interests of national security in accordance with section 105Z23(6) of the Communications Act 2003.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This new Clause would ensure that the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament is provided with any information relating to a designated vendor direction, notification of contravention, urgent enforcement action or modifications to an enforcement direction made on grounds of national security.*

LORD COAKER

LORD ALTON OF LIVERPOOL

Insert the following new Clause –

**“Long-term strategy**

- (1) Within six months of this Act being passed, the Secretary of State must publish a long-term strategy on telecommunications security and resilience.
- (2) The strategy must include but is not limited to –
  - (a) the objectives of the United Kingdom in working with NATO, Five Eyes partners, and other allies, on research and development, adoption and deployment, standards, and overall strategy;
  - (b) how the strategy will provide security and resilience in the long term;
  - (c) how this Act supports strategic objectives in the Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy;
  - (d) how this Act will complement the powers in the National Security and Investment Act 2021 in the long term and whether a review is needed;
  - (e) whether, for the purposes of telecommunications security, an international advisory body should be set up to help coordinate, influence and develop guidance and standards;

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- (f) how the United Kingdom, in collaboration with its allies, will monitor, horizon-scan for, and respond to, current and emerging threats;
  - (g) whether the United Kingdom security infrastructure is adequately resourced to respond to threats against its telecommunications network;
  - (h) how to secure the adequacy of OFCOM's resourcing in fulfilling its functions provided in this Act.
- (3) The strategy must be laid before Parliament.”

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