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Dr Andrew Garrett, president of the Royal Statistical Society, commenting on the government's response to the AI regulation white paper consultation, said:

"We welcome the government's response to the AI white paper, particularly its emphasis on regulatory responsiveness. Urgency is certainly warranted, and the directive for key regulators to disclose their approach in the coming months is a positive development. Ensuring consistency and coherence not only among key regulators but also those who follow is crucial.

"As always, fostering diversity of representation within government and regulatory bodies remains paramount, it cannot solely rely on input from major tech companies. It is especially important that the AI Safety Institute engages with a diverse array of voices, including statisticians and data scientists who play a pivotal role in both the development of AI systems and novel evaluation methodologies."

Notes to editors

- A pro-innovation approach to AI regulation: government response: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-signals-step-change-for-regulators-to-strengthen-ai-leadership>
- The Royal Statistical Society (RSS), founded in 1834, is one of the world's most distinguished and renowned statistical societies. It is a learned society for statistics, a professional body for statisticians and data scientists and a charity which promotes statistics, data and evidence for the public good. Today the RSS has over 11,000 members around the world. [@RoyalStatSoc](https://rss.org.uk)