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Dear Mr. Hall

Today I took part in your live webchat on the 10 Downing Street website. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to discuss in open forum the issues surrounding ID cards and the National Identity Register (NIR).

During the course of the debate, you stated that the Government and authorities such as the police and security services would be allowed access to data from the NIR.

I would like to be confident that my information will be safe in the hands of the IPS. I would therefore like to know whether access to the database will be subject to obtaining a court order or warrant. In other words, will my identity be subject to the same judicial safeguards against unwarranted search as my home and my business premises?

I'm sure many other citizens would be reassured to hear such safeguards are in place, so perhaps you could consider creating a section on the Identity Cards website to describe the measures employed by the system to prevent the abuse of our valuable data by the state.

Yours sincerely

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