

At a time when fraud and e-crime is going up, the capability of the country to address it is going down.

25. Ministers have acknowledged the increasing threat of E-crime but it is clear that sufficient funding and resources have not been allocated to the law enforcement responsible for tackling it. Professor Ross Anderson told us that “we should be putting more of the cyber budget into policing and less of it into the intelligence sphere, into cyber war.”<sup>24</sup> We also note as a principle, that if personal data is held in any database, no matter how secure, there is a risk of it being accessed inappropriately, either through human error or malice.<sup>25</sup> The only way to ensure data does not leak is not to collect it.