

Companies are already having problems handling their own data, so one can only imagine the massive task ISPs and other service providers would have to monitor the volume of data that is generated on a daily basis.

It appears that the government has not fully considered the confidential nature of the material being sent by email and made available to the government's datacentre. Who is going to guarantee that the data is safe from when it leaves the ISP until it reaches the government datacentre, and how will access to the data be managed? How is this data going to be transferred – on DVDs that can be lost in transit?

There are many unanswered questions and the fact that they have not yet been tackled is worrying to say the least.

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## Data plans have not been thought out

From an archiving and storage angle, the government data plans present a nightmare scenario (*Government data plans put CIOs on alert*, 26 May, [www.itweek.co.uk/2217100](http://www.itweek.co.uk/2217100)).

