



## Society of Clerks-at-the-Table in Commonwealth Parliaments

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To all members of SOCATT

### **The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

New legislation about data protection, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), came into force in the United Kingdom on 25 May 2018. As a membership organisation, SOCATT holds personal information about our members, such as their names and contact details. We use that personal information to carry out our responsibilities to you, as a member of the Society.

Under the new law, we are allowed to continue holding and using your data for the stated purpose. This is because, as a membership organisation, we have a “contract” with you, a member. We will continue to email you about issues such as General Meetings of the Society, annual subscriptions and the Society’s Journal, *The Table*.

Under the new law, we will send information to members because we have a “legitimate interest” to do so. However, the law also states that the Society’s members must be able to “opt out” of receiving such messages if they prefer.

SOCATT takes the privacy and security of its members’ data seriously, and will endeavour to meet its legal obligations under the GDPR in order to ensure your individual rights. If for any reason you would like to “opt out” of receiving further emails from SOCATT, please reply to [socatt@parliament.uk](mailto:socatt@parliament.uk) with the word “unsubscribe.”

If you have any questions about the GDPR and SOCATT, please do contact me.

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