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Udvalget for Digitalisering og It

Til: Digitaliseringsministeren

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Udvalget udbeder sig ministerens besvarelse af følgende spørgsmål:

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Spørgsmål 45

Hvordan forholder ministeren sig til følgende afsnit i artiklen »How Denmark's Welfare State Became a Surveillance Nightmare« på www.wired.com den 7. marts 2023? Ministeren bedes i besvarelsen forholde sig til, hvordan den danske anvendelse af nationalitet adskiller sig fra den hollandske sag, som der nævnes i artiklen.

“The documents obtained by Lighthouse Reports and WIRED appear to show that Denmark's system goes beyond the one that brought down the Dutch government. They reveal how Denmark's algorithms use variables like nationality, whose use has been equated with ethnic profiling.

One of Denmark's fraud detection algorithms attempts to work out how someone might be connected to a non-EU country. Heavily redacted documents show that, in order to do this, the system tracks whether a welfare recipient or their “family relations” have ever emigrated from Denmark. Two other variables record their nationality and whether they have ever been a citizen of any country other than Denmark.

Jacobsen says that nationality is only one of many variables used by the algorithm, and that a welfare recipient will not be flagged unless they live at a “suspicious address” and the system isn't able to find a connection to Denmark.”

<https://www.wired.com/story/algorithms-welfare-state-politics/>

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