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The Ministry of Communications and Digital (KKD) is studying the need to create the post of data protection officer in organisations through the amendment of the Personal Data Protection Act (Act 709) to protect individual personal data.

Minister Fahmi Fadzil said the matter was among those considered in the amendment of the act which is expected to be tabled in Parliament as early as this October.

“One of the aspects we are looking at is the (need to have) data protection officer, as it is important for an organisation to protect their data...because this matter was also raised by (CyberSecurity Malaysia Board of Directors chairman) Tan Sri Dr Zulkifeli Mohd Zin.

“We find that there is a need for data protection but everything is subject to the feedback from stakeholders and the Cabinet...if approved by the Cabinet we will bring this amendment in October at the earliest or in March (next year) at the latest.”

Fahmi said this after opening Cyber Digital Services, Defence & Security Asia (CyberDSA) 2023 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre here today.