

WHILE READING / LISTENING

GAP FILL: Put the words into the gaps in the text.

The UK's Prime Minister Gordon Brown is doing his best to _____ his government's blushes after the biggest security _____ in British history. Two computer disks containing banking and personal details of 25 million Britons got 'lost in the post'. The disks went missing _____ being transferred between government departments. They contained _____ confidential data on nearly half the country's population, including names, addresses, birth dates and national insurance numbers. There were also _____ of 10 million bank accounts. The _____ leaves most Britons now worried about identity theft and bank fraud. People have been advised that the disks have probably not _____ into bad hands. However, the government announced that people need to keep an eye on their bank accounts for anything _____, just in case.

*highly
suspicious
breach
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details*

Mr Brown apologized to the British public: "I profoundly _____ and apologize for the inconvenience and worries that have been _____ to millions of families that receive child benefits," he told politicians. "We have a _____ to do everything that we can to protect the public," he added. Britain's finance secretary Alistair Darling tried to reassure people, saying: "The police tell me there is no _____ that there has been any criminal or unusual activity." Meanwhile, British Information Commissioner Richard Thomas, who is responsible for data protection, said the security _____ was "a shocking case". In a BBC interview, he explained: "I am at a _____ how to find out what happened in this situation. It is not just about the law. It is about _____ the trust and confidence of the population, who _____ so much information to government."

*lapse retaining
caused
evidence
regret
loss
entrust
duty*