



Investigatory Powers
Commissioner's Office

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Dear Sir/Madam,

IPCO Annual Report to the Prime Minister and Scottish Ministers: Statistical Data

In preparation for the first IPCO Annual Report 2017, I am writing to you as the Chief Officer of a body empowered by The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 or The Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000, to conduct directed surveillance and/or use Covert Human Intelligence Sources (CHIS), and where applicable, to authorise intrusive surveillance or property interference under The Police Act 1997.

The Investigatory Powers Commissioner, The Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Fulford, is required by section 107 of the Police Act 1997 (as amended by Schedule 4 of RIPA) to report annually to the Prime Minister on the matters with which he is concerned. He is similarly required by section 22 of RIP(S)A to make an annual report to the Scottish Ministers. Copies of his reports are laid before Parliament and the Scottish Parliament respectively.

For the year ending 31 December 2017, Lord Justice Fulford will report on the conduct and use by public authorities of these various covert tactics. To assist him in this, I would appreciate your authority providing the following statistical information covering the period **1 April 2017 through to 31 December 2017**. Please answer all questions even where there is a nil return.

- How many Directed Surveillance authorisations were granted?
- How many Directed Surveillance authorisations remain extant?
- How many authorisations were presented to a magistrate?
- How many authorisations were rejected by a magistrate?
- How many Property Interference authorisations were granted?
- How many Intrusive Surveillance authorisations were granted?
- How many CHIS authorisations were extant on 1 April 2017?
- How many new CHIS authorisations have been granted?
- How many CHIS authorisations were cancelled?
- How many CHIS authorisations remain extant at 31 December 2017?
- How many authorisations using s49 Encryption powers were granted?
- How many times were urgency provisions used, including the type of authorisation?

For the particular attention of law enforcement agencies:

As you are aware, Statutory Instrument 2013/2788 (for "relevant source" authorisations) was introduced on 1 January 2014, and brought into effect an oversight regime by the Surveillance Commissioners for the use of undercover operatives. Lord Justice Fulford will report on the use of this tactic and therefore requires the additional following information. Please note: the following statistics should not include any other types of CHIS authorisation which should be provided separately, as requested above.

- Number of individual undercover operative authorisations granted during the period 1 April 2017 to 31 December 2017
- Number of individual undercover operative renewals granted under the Statutory Instrument 2013 / 2788 prior approval process during the period 1 April 2017 to 31 December 2017
- Number of individual undercover operative authorisations cancelled during the period 1 April 2017 to 31 December 2017
- Number of individual undercover operative authorisations still extant at 31 December 2017

Further information requested:

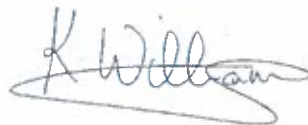
In light of the numerous collaborative working partnerships that are now in place between public authorities (either to enable lawful authorisation practices, or to provide economic efficiencies), it is important for inspection planning that we are kept informed of such agreements. This should help to avoid potential duplication and may enable more efficient use of key officials' time with Inspectors. Can you therefore, as well as the usual statistical return, please provide details of any such collaborative arrangement to which you are a signatory (including those pending for the forthcoming year). It would be helpful to know which other public authorities are your partners in any such arrangement(s), and whether there is a "lead partner" with whom we should best make contact for the purpose of inspection planning.

Can you also please confirm the details of your Senior Responsible Officer or Central Point of Contact together with their address details, email and telephone number.

We give you an assurance that we will only use the information you provide us for statistical purposes to inform the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Annual Report. No individual public authority's responses will be identified in this context.

Please provide your response no later than **Tuesday 17th July 2018**, by email to info@ipco.gsi.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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