

PRIVATE SECURITY INDUSTRY ACT 2001

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY

Part I

General

Private investigators

25. *Paragraph 4(1)* defines the activities covered as surveillance, inquiries or investigations carried out for the purpose of obtaining information about a person or about a person's activities or whereabouts. Under *Paragraph 4(2)-(10)* the following activities are excluded:

- market research activities;
- activities exclusively concerned with a credit check;
- the professional activities of practising solicitors and barristers;
- the professional activities of practising accountants
- the professional activities of journalists and broadcasters;
- activities relating to reference to registers which are open to the public; registers or records to which a person has a right of access; and published works;
- activities carried out with the knowledge or consent of the subject of the investigation;
- activities of a person which are incidental to those of a security operative.