



# Investigatory Powers Act 2016

## 2016 CHAPTER 25

### PART 7

#### BULK PERSONAL DATASET WARRANTS

##### *Issue of warrants*

#### **211 Decisions to issue warrants to be taken personally by Secretary of State**

- (1) The decision to issue a class BPD warrant or a specific BPD warrant must be taken personally by the Secretary of State.
- (2) Before a class BPD warrant is issued, it must be signed by the Secretary of State.
- (3) Before a specific BPD warrant is issued, it must be signed by the Secretary of State (subject to subsection (4)).
- (4) If it is not reasonably practicable for a specific BPD warrant to be signed by the Secretary of State, it may be signed by a senior official designated by the Secretary of State for that purpose.
- (5) In such a case, the warrant must contain a statement that—
  - (a) it is not reasonably practicable for the warrant to be signed by the Secretary of State, and
  - (b) the Secretary of State has personally and expressly authorised the issue of the warrant.