



# Investigatory Powers Act 2016

## 2016 CHAPTER 25

### PART 6

#### BULK WARRANTS

#### CHAPTER 1

##### BULK INTERCEPTION WARRANTS

##### *Interpretation*

#### 157 Chapter 1: interpretation

(1) In this Chapter—

“intercepted content”, in relation to a bulk interception warrant, means any content of communications intercepted by an interception authorised or required by the warrant;

“overseas-related communications” has the meaning given by section 136;

“secondary data” has the meaning given by section 137, and references to obtaining secondary data from a communication are to be read in accordance with that section;

“senior official” means a member of the Senior Civil Service or a member of the Senior Management Structure of Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service;

“the specified operational purposes” has the meaning given by section 142(11).

(2) See also—

section 261 (telecommunications definitions),

section 263 (general definitions),

section 264 (general definitions: “journalistic material” etc.),

section 265 (index of defined expressions).

---

**Changes to legislation:** *Investigatory Powers Act 2016, Cross Heading: Interpretation is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 16 August 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes*

---

---

#### Commencement Information

**II**    [S. 157](#) in force at 31.5.2018 by [S.I. 2018/652](#), **reg. 5(j)**

**Changes to legislation:**

Investigatory Powers Act 2016, Cross Heading: Interpretation is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 16 August 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

[View outstanding changes](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 3 para. 8A and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 32 Sch. 18 para. 10\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 20(2)(ha)(hb) inserted by [2023 c. 32 Sch. 18 para. 10\(3\)\(a\)](#)