



# 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).

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- 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\(3\)\(a\)](#)