



Investigatory Powers Act 2016

2016 CHAPTER 25

PART 8

OVERSIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

CHAPTER 2

OTHER ARRANGEMENTS

Advisory bodies

247 Members of the Panel

- (1) The Investigatory Powers Commissioner must appoint such number of persons as members of the Technology Advisory Panel as the Commissioner considers necessary for the carrying out of the functions of the Panel.
- (2) Subject as follows, each member of the Panel holds and vacates office in accordance with the member's terms and conditions of appointment.
- (3) A member of the Panel must not act in a way which the member considers to be contrary to the public interest or prejudicial to—
 - (a) national security,
 - (b) the prevention or detection of serious crime, or
 - (c) the economic well-being of the United Kingdom.
- (4) A member of the Panel must, in particular, ensure that the member does not—
 - (a) jeopardise the success of an intelligence or security operation or a law enforcement operation,
 - (b) compromise the safety or security of those involved, or
 - (c) unduly impede the operational effectiveness of an intelligence service, a police force, a government department or Her Majesty's forces.

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- (5) Section 235(2) and (7) (information powers) apply to a member of the Panel as they apply to a Judicial Commissioner.

Commencement Information

II [S. 247](#) in force at 13.2.2017 by [S.I. 2017/137](#), [reg. 2\(p\)](#)

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