



Investigatory Powers Act 2016

2016 CHAPTER 25

PART 2

LAWFUL INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS

CHAPTER 1

INTERCEPTION AND EXAMINATION WITH A WARRANT

Additional safeguards

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- (1) This section applies where—
 - (a) an application is made to the Secretary of State for the issue of a targeted interception warrant or a targeted examination warrant, and
 - (b) the purpose of the warrant is—
 - (i) in the case of a targeted interception warrant, to authorise or require the interception of communications sent by, or intended for, a person who is a member of a relevant legislature, or
 - (ii) in the case of a targeted examination warrant, to authorise the selection for examination of the content of such communications.
- (2) The Secretary of State may not issue the warrant without the approval of the Prime Minister.
- (3) In this section “member of a relevant legislature” means—
 - (a) a member of either House of Parliament;
 - (b) a member of the Scottish Parliament;
 - (c) a member of the National Assembly for Wales;
 - (d) a member of the Northern Ireland Assembly;
 - (e) a member of the European Parliament elected for the United Kingdom.