



Investigatory Powers Act 2016

2016 CHAPTER 25

PART 9

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 2

GENERAL

Interpretation

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In this Act, the expressions listed in the left-hand column have the meaning given by, or are to be interpreted in accordance with, the provisions listed in the right-hand column.

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Apparatus	Section 263(1)
Bulk equipment interference warrant	Section 176(1)
Bulk interception warrant	Section 136(1)
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Communications data	Sections 261(5) and 262(3)
Confidential journalistic material	Section 264(6) and (7)
Content of a communication (in relation to a telecommunications operator, telecommunications service or telecommunication system)	Section 261(6)

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Crime	Section 263(1)
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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 58(4)(e) inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 13 para. 9](#)