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Subject: Investigatory Powers Act

This request asked:

1. How many people work for your organisation?

411 employees on permanent or fixed term contracts* 128 employees who are temporary agency workers*

- * as at end of February 2017
- 2. How many of these people will be authorised by warrant to conduct interception, equipment interference (hacking to obtain information) or bulk communications data acquisition under the Investigatory Powers Act 2016?
- 3. How many warrants have been applied for under the Investigatory Powers Act 2016?
- 4. How many warrants were granted?
- 5. How many investigations has your organisation carried out so far under the Investigatory Powers Act 2016 and what were they for?

No information is held for questions two to five.

On question five, we would point out that the Act provides an updated framework for the use of investigatory powers to obtain communications and communications data. It governs the powers available to the state, provides statutory safeguards and clarifies which powers different public authorities can use and for what purpose.