GUIDELINES FOR THE SECURITY SERVICE
USE OF INFORMANTS IN TERRORIST RELATED CASES

These guidelines apply where it is proposed to employ (whether or not for any financial consideration) a person as an informant in order to obtain information which would assist in the prevention of terrorist related offences including offences connected with the financing of terrorism or the arrest and conviction of persons believed to be committing, or to have committed, such offences.

Suitability of the informants

2. Before any person is employed as an informant for the purpose specified in paragraph 1 above, approval must be given

Commission of criminal offences

4. The informant must be clearly instructed that his employment or continued employment as an informer does not carry with it immunity from criminal prosecution.

paragraph 5 below an officer may employ a person as an informant whom he believes to be engaged in criminal activities, provided that, at the time of employing him he is satisfied that:
a. the informant is likely to be able to provide information concerning offences...

b. the required information cannot readily be obtained by any other means; and

c. the need for the information that may be gained by the employment of that person as an informant justifies his employment notwithstanding the criminal activities in which he may be engaged.

5. The employment of an informant believed to be engaged in criminal activity must be authorised by...