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8 February 2017

**SIS NOTE RELATING TO BPD SEARCH RESULTS**

1. As requested by the Tribunal, SIS has conducted searches for evidence of the conduct alleged to have been carried out using the search criteria as provided by the Tribunal.

**Searches of the SIS Corporate Record**

2. SIS searched its corporate records, against the search terms, for any conduct during the period from 1 March 2013 to January 2017. The searches in relation to conduct by SIS, relating to Privacy International, were accordingly carried out in relation to the period from 2 years and 3 months prior to the commencement of these proceedings (being 2 years prior to avowal of BPD in March 2015) up until January 2017. Searches in relation to conduct prior to March 2013 would have been, SIS considers, neither necessary to the issues in the proceedings (taking account of section 67(5) RIPA 2000) or proportionate.

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**Bulk Personal Datasets (BPD) Searches**

3. There is no precedent for searching BPD holdings in relation to IPT cases. Each agency has different tools for searching BPD [REDACTION]. Therefore we asked the expert analyst to set out his methodology for searching.

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**Bulk Personal Datasets Search Results**

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4. It was possible to compile and execute a search of the data for the majority of the search terms that had been provided.

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#### **Bulk Personal Datasets Searches Covering the Pre Avowal and Post Avowal Periods**

5. So far as is technically possible and proportionate, in relation to any positive result, we have sought to identify whether that data was held/acquired pre- or post- March 2015.

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#### **Resource Implications of Searches of Corporate Record and BPD**

6. The searches were carried out by a data analyst and policy staff.
7. In light of the reasonable and proportionate searches we have conducted, there is no further SIS material to disclose. We would like to emphasise that this has been a wide-ranging, thorough and resource intensive exercise, in order to assist the Investigatory Powers Tribunal.

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