



Minutes

Title of meeting MI5 Quarterly Review (Q2 2018/19)
Date 28th November 2018, [REDACTED]
Venue [REDACTED]
Chair Tom Hurd (DG OSCT)
Attendees [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (National Security Director, OSCT), [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (CT Policing, OSCT), [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (National Security Unit, OSCT), [REDACTED] (National Security Unit, OSCT), [REDACTED] (Head of Strategic Finance, National Security Secretariat, Cabinet Office)

Action Points:

- [REDACTED]
- OSCT and MI5 to confirm agenda for the Q2 Review meeting between the Home Secretary and DG MI5 scheduled for 13th December.
- [REDACTED]

1. Introduction

[REDACTED]

2. Update on Actions from Last Meeting

- 2.1. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2.2. The question of whether to brief the Investigatory Powers Commissioner on [REDACTED] was still under discussion. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2.3. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2.5. It was noted that the DG MI5/Home Secretary meeting was set for 13th December.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

4. Legacy IT

4.1. This is a complex and multi-faceted problem [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MI5 acknowledged the need to understand both risks and costs before *[acting]*.

However, the Management Board conversation at Q2 centred around whether there may be options for accepting more risk in this area [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

4.3. [REDACTED]

4.4. [REDACTED]

4.5. DG OSCT asked whether there is anything in this space which keeps DDG/DGS 'up at night' [REDACTED]. DDG indicated that there is not – while there are some significant risks, these are all being managed appropriately. MI5 are confident there is no requirement to brief the Home Secretary at this stage.

5. Update on 'hard choices'

5.1. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

5.2. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

5.3. In terms of off-balance costs, litigation had become a standing issue, rather than a risk, and remained a serious expense.

6. Agenda for DG-Home Secretary Meeting

6.1. The meeting on 13th December will be the first quarterly update meeting between DG MI5 and the Home Secretary (although they meet regularly outside of this format), so MI5 proposed that DG MI5 should start the meeting by explaining MI5's structure and strategy, and the role and remit of the Home Secretary in providing oversight of that. It would also include an explanation of MI5's relationship with UKIC as a whole.

6.2. DG MI5 should first provide the 'macro' picture, including an overview of the [REDACTED]. Following that, the main focus of the meeting should be on [REDACTED]. The meeting should also address MI5's resourcing issues in the context of [REDACTED], and the expense of major change programmes such as [REDACTED].

6.3. The next meeting should cover future capability, with a focus on what will change over the next ten years (what capacities will develop, what will fall away) rather than current casework.

7. AOB

7.1. No other business was raised.

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