

Witness: GCHQ Witness

Party: 3rd Respondent

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Date: 16.10.17

Case No. IPT/15/110/CH
IN THE INVESTIGATORY POWERS TRIBUNAL
BETWEEN:

PRIVACY INTERNATIONAL

Claimant

and

(1) SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS

(2) SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT

(3) GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATION HEADQUARTERS

(4) SECURITY SERVICE

(5) SECRET INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

Respondents

WITNESS STATEMENT OF GCHQ WITNESS

I, GCHQ WITNESS, Deputy Director in the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), Hubble Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL51 0EX, WILL SAY as follows:

1. I am Deputy Director at GCHQ. [REDACTED] I have also prepared a number of OPEN statements.
2. I am authorised to make this witness statement on behalf of GCHQ. The contents of this statement are within my own knowledge and are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Where matters are not within my own knowledge they are based upon documentation made available to me and from discussions with others within the department.
3. The purpose of this statement is to respond to some of the points that have been raised in recent correspondence between the Tribunal and the Commissioners.

4. The letter from IPCO to the Tribunal dated 20 September 2017 attached a draft audit report relating to the BPD audit conducted by IPCO on 31 August 2017. As is apparent from the face of the document, the report was circulated to the agencies in draft on 12 September 2017, with comments requested by 14 September, in order to meet the timetable set down by this Tribunal. In previous cases we have been given considerably more time to review such draft reports, and to advise on any factual inaccuracies or misinterpretations of what was said during the inspection visit. It was not possible to provide a full response in the time allowed. That full response has now been sent to IPCO. I exhibit it as Exhibit [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

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Dated: