



INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENT



Publication of Draft Investigatory Powers Bill: **ISC Media Statement**

The Rt. Hon. Dominic Grieve QC, MP, Chairman of the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament, said on behalf of the Committee:

“The Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament published a comprehensive Report in March which set out the full range of the Agencies’ capabilities, some of which were acknowledged for the first time. We made 54 recommendations and conclusions in that Report, aimed at increasing privacy protections, improving transparency and bringing clarity to what the Committee described as a confusing, overly complex and unnecessarily secret legal framework.

We will be considering the extent to which the Government has taken those recommendations on board in the draft Investigatory Powers Bill which was published today.

While there will be a formal legislative scrutiny committee considering the draft Bill, the Intelligence and Security Committee will focus on those aspects most relevant to the Security and Intelligence Agencies.

The draft Bill is an important new piece of legislation and it is essential that the Government gets it right.”