



**IOCCO Response to the introduction of the  
Investigatory Powers Bill  
1<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

*Today the Government has introduced the Investigatory Powers Bill into Parliament. It will now undergo a process of scrutiny by both Houses. A vast amount of information has been published alongside the Bill and we will respond in more detail once we have had time consider all of the material.*

*In brief:*

- We are very pleased to see that draft Codes of Practice have been published alongside the Bill as this will enable the detail behind the clauses to be scrutinised.*
- A number of the recommendations made by the three reviews (the Joint Committee, the Intelligence and Security Committee and the Science & Technology Committee) appear to have been addressed.*
- We look forward to scrutinising carefully the oversight provisions and hope that they have been amended and developed to address the substantive concerns we raised in our written evidence<sup>1</sup> to the Joint Committee.*

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.iocco-uk.info/docs/IOCCO%20Evidence%20for%20the%20IP%20Bill%20Joint%20Committee.pdf>