



Statement from the Rt Hon. Sir Paul Kennedy

From today (29 July 2014) I will be acting as interim Interception of Communications Commissioner.

I left office approximately 18 months ago, but in that time the interception and communications data landscape has seen some significant developments, not least with the very recent enactment of the Data Retention and Investigatory Powers Act 2014 (DRIPA).

I have watched all of the developments with interest and congratulate the Rt Hon. Sir Anthony May and IOCCO on the progress that has been made to improve the public and Parliament's understanding of IOCCO's oversight regime and how the interception and communications data powers are used more generally. Increasing transparency about our important work helps to improve public confidence in our independent and robust oversight regime.

I wish Sir Anthony May a speedy recovery and will be providing him with regular updates on the work we are continuing in his absence.

The Rt Hon. Sir Paul Kennedy
29th July 2014