



Information Commissioner's Office

Press Release

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The 'Surveillance Society' Four Years On

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) is inviting interested parties to bid to produce an analysis of developments in surveillance and data collection since the report, *A Surveillance Society*, which was produced for the ICO in 2006. The new analysis of how surveillance affects us all in our everyday lives will accompany the Information Commissioner's 2010 report to Parliament on the state of surveillance.

The ICO is looking for a factual analysis, undertaken by those with expert knowledge of a variety of forms of surveillance, that will build upon the work done by the Surveillance Studies Network in 2006. The study will focus on the practical consequences of the developments in technology, policy, law and practice but should be focused on the practical consequences of these developments for individuals and society now and in the immediate future. The ICO will highlight significant areas in need of particular attention to Parliament.

Proposals need to be submitted by 10.00am on 31 January 2010 and the research report will need to be completed by 31 May 2010. Further details on the research project, including how to submit a proposal, can be found on the ICO's website at http://www.ico.gov.uk/about_us/research/invitations_to_tender.aspx

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If you need more information, please contact the ICO press office on 020 7025 7580 or visit the website at: www.ico.gov.uk

Notes to Editors

1. The Information Commissioner's Office upholds information rights in the public interest, promoting openness by public bodies and data privacy for individuals.
2. The ICO has specific responsibilities set out in the Data Protection Act 1998, the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations 2003
3. Organisations can now sign the Personal Information Promise to demonstrate their commitment to protecting people's personal information by visiting the website at www.ico.gov.uk
4. For more information about the Information Commissioner's Office subscribe to our e-newsletter at www.ico.gov.uk. Alternatively, you can find us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/ICOnews
5. Anyone who processes personal information must comply with eight principles, which make sure that personal information is:
 - Fairly and lawfully processed
 - Processed for limited purposes
 - Adequate, relevant and not excessive
 - Accurate and up to date
 - Not kept for longer than is necessary
 - Processed in line with your rights
 - Secure
 - Not transferred to other countries without adequate protection