I am the ‘Designated Judge’ under the above mentioned Acts.

On 13\textsuperscript{th} November 2012, I attended at the headquarters of An Garda Síochána at ‘The Depot’, Phoenix Park, Dublin, and later on the same day, at the Headquarters of the Army in McKee Barracks, Blackhorse Avenue, Dublin, and at the Offices of the Revenue Commissioners at Block D, Ashtown Gate, Dublin 15, and at the Offices of the Department of Justice and Equality, St. Stephen’s Green, Dublin 2.

In each of those locations, such documents and records pertaining to the operation of the above Acts, as were requested by me, were made available and were examined by me. I also spoke to the persons with responsibility for the operation of the above Acts, in each location, and all of my queries were answered to my satisfaction.

I am very pleased to note that the anomaly which arose by virtue of the fact that the same person held the offices of Minister for Justice and Equality and Minister for Defence, to which I drew attention in my report of 22\textsuperscript{nd} November 2011, has been corrected by the Authorisation of Certain Interceptions (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order 2012, S.I. No. 76 of 2012, in that under this Order, the functions vested in the Minister for Justice and
Equality under section 2 of the Act of 1993, were as of 13\textsuperscript{th} March 2012, transferred to the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, but only insofar as they relate to an application for an authorisation pursuant to section 6(1)(a) (ii)(II) of that Act.

I am satisfied that as of the date of this report, the relevant State authorities are in compliance with the provisions of the above Acts.

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Mr. Justice Iarfhlaith O'Neill
20\textsuperscript{th} November 2012
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