

**REPORT OF THE DESIGNATED JUDGE PURSUANT TO SECTION 8 (2) OF**  
**THE INTERCEPTION OF POSTAL PACKETS AND**  
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS MESSAGES (REGULATION) ACT 1993 AND**  
**SECTION 12 (1) (C) OF THE COMMUNICATIONS (RETENTION OF DATA)**  
**ACT 2011**

1. As the “Designated Judge” under the above mentioned Acts I arranged to visit the relevant authorities to examine files and records concerning the operation of the powers vested in them under the above Acts. On 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2011 I attended at the Office of the Department of Justice and Equality, St. Stephens Green, Dublin 2 and met with officials who made available to me documents and records relating to the operation of the Acts, as requested. I examined the files and records furnished and spoke to the officials responsible for the operation of the Acts and liaison with other authorities in respect of same. All documents requested by me were furnished and all questions posed by me in relation to the files and records produced were answered to my satisfaction.

2. On 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015 I attended at the Office of the Revenue Commissioners at Block D, Ashtown Gate, Dublin 15 and the Headquarters of the Defence Forces at McKee Barracks, Blackhorse Avenue, Dublin. In each of these locations such documents and records relating to the operation of the above Acts as were requested by me were made available to and examined by me. I spoke to the officers and personnel responsible for the operation of the above Acts at these locations. I had a number of questions in relation to the files produced which were answered to my satisfaction.

3. On the afternoon of 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015 I attended at the headquarters of An Garda Síochána at “the Depot” Phoenix Park, Dublin where I met with officers and personnel responsible for the operation of the above Acts. I examined computer

records and hard copy files relating to the operation of the above Acts which were made available for my inspection and all documents and records which I requested were furnished and examined. All questions posed by me in relation to the operation of the Acts and the documents and records produced were answered to my satisfaction.

4. On 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 I attended at the offices of An Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission at 150 Upper Abbey Street, Dublin 1 and there met with members of the Commission and personnel responsible for the operation of the above Acts. All documents relevant to the operation of these Acts which I requested were furnished and questions posed by me were answered to my satisfaction.

5. I am satisfied having examined the records and documents produced to me and from the information conveyed to me at these meetings that the relevant State authorities are in compliance with the provisions of the above Acts as of the date of this report.



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**Mr. Justice Paul McDermott**  
**6<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**