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Dear David,

THE INVESTIGATORY POWERS COMMISSIONER ANNUAL REPORT 2025

I am writing to inform you that I have today laid a copy of the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Annual Report 2025 and a statement from the Prime Minister.

The report covers a range of activities, which includes interception, surveillance, covert human intelligence sources, property and equipment interference and communications data, authorised under the various powers set out in the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000, the Investigatory Powers Act 2016 and the Police Act 1997.

In accordance with Section 234(1) of the Investigatory Powers Act (IPA) 2016, the Investigatory Powers Commissioner is required to make a report to the Prime Minister with respect to carrying out the functions of the Judicial Commissioners. The Prime Minister, under Section 234(8) of the IPA, must send a copy of the annual report and his statement laid before the Westminster Parliament to the Scottish Ministers who must lay the report and statement before the Scottish Parliament.

A copy of the report and accompanying statement are attached for your information and will be available in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre.

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