

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security  
**Inquiry into the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment  
(Data Retention) Bill 2014**

Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services Response

The information requested by the Inquiry into the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Data Retention) Bill 2014 is not automatically captured by the Northern Territory (NT) Police (NTP) systems. As a result, the information must be manually researched collected and collated. Given there have been over 15,000 requests for telecommunications data over the last five years, this information cannot be supplied within the timeframe provided. The responses below contain the information that the NTP has been able to collate to date.

**1. In each of the last five years, how many times has your agency sought a stored data warrant?**

- 2010 6
- 2011 14
- 2012 16
- 2013 10
- 2014 (as at 11 December 2014) 10

**2. In each of the last five years, how many times has your agency obtained a stored data warrant?**

The NTP has been granted a stored data warrant on every occasion they have applied for one. Consequently, the answer to this question is the same as Q.1 or:

- 2010 6
- 2011 14
- 2012 16
- 2013 10
- 2014 (as at 11 December 2014) 10

**3. In each of the last five years, how many times has your agency sought authorisations for historical telecommunications data?**

In excess of 15,000 requests for historical telecommunications data has been made by the NTP.

**4. For each of the last five years, what percentage of historical telecommunications data for which access was sought was:**

- Less than three months old;
- Three to six months old;
- Six to nine months old;
- Nine to twelve months old;
- More than twelve months old.

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**5. For each of the last five years, what percentage of historical telecommunications data actually used by your agency in its operations was:**

- Less than three months old;
- Three to six months old;
- Six to nine months old;
- Nine to twelve months old;
- More than twelve months old.

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**6. In approximately how many cases over the last five years did access to historical telecommunications data accessed by your agency assist in preventing a serious crime from occurring?**

- If historical data was useful in preventing crimes from occurring, please provide examples which illustrate the use to which the historical data was put (without identifying specific individuals involved).
- If historical data was useful in preventing crimes from occurring, approximately how old was the specific data that was of use in those instances?

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**7. In approximately how many cases over the last five years did access to historical telecommunications data accessed by your agency assist in preventing a terrorist act from occurring?**

- If historical data was useful in preventing a terrorist act from occurring, please provide examples which illustrate the use to which the historical data was put (without identifying specific individuals involved).
- If historical data was useful in preventing a terrorist act from occurring, approximately how old was the specific data that was of use in those instances?

There have been no instances in the NT where access to historical telecommunications data assisted in preventing a terrorist act from occurring.

**8. In approximately how many cases over the last five years did historical telecommunications data accessed by your agency assist in securing a criminal conviction?**

- If historical telecommunications data did assist in securing a criminal conviction, please provide examples which illustrate the use to which the historical data was put (without identifying individuals involved).

Unable to supply the information in the timeframe provided.

- 9. Why is there a significant discrepancy in the number of authorisations to access telecommunications data reported annually to the Parliament under the Telecommunications Interception Act, in contrast to the figure reported to the Australian Communications and Media Authority.**

The NTP does not provide reports to the Australian Communications and Media Authority. As a result, we cannot comment on why there is a significant discrepancy in the number of authorisations to access telecommunications data reported to Parliament and that reported to the Australian Communications and Media Authority.