

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Throughout this report a number of technical terms are used. To help the reader, this glossary includes a simple definition of a selection of common terms.

Stored communication is defined in subsection 5(1) of the TIA Act. It means a communication that is held on equipment that is operated by a telecommunications carrier/network. For a communication to be a stored communication, it cannot be accessed by a person who is not a party to the communication without the assistance of an employee of the operator and must not be passing over a telecommunications system.

A communication is taken to be ***passing over*** a telecommunications system from when it is sent or transmitted by the person sending the communication until when it becomes accessible to the intended recipient of that communication.

Generally, the term ***communication*** is used generically and includes a message or conversation in the form of speech, music or other sounds, data, text, visual images (animated or otherwise) or any combination of the above.

A ***restricted record*** is defined in subsection 5(1) of the TIA Act. It means a record (other than a copy) that was obtained by means of an interception, whether lawful or not, of a communication passing over a telecommunications system.

