

**Annual Report of
The Surveillance Commissioner
2006
to the Department of Home Affairs**

- to comply with Section 28(3) of the Regulation of Surveillance Act 2006 -

1. This brief report is to formally record the appointment of the Surveillance Commissioner and the commencement of duties.
2. The Regulation of Surveillance Act 2006 required the appointment of a Surveillance Commissioner, an entirely new position for the Isle of Man. After public advertisement and interviews, I was appointed in December 2006 taking up my duties on 15th December 2006.
3. In the short period remaining in December, I held preliminary meetings with three of the Public Authorities who were covered by the new legislation to establish processes and procedures for efficiently implementing the Act.
4. I also scrutinised 3 applications for directed surveillance by 31st December 2006.
5. I can confirm that under section 28 (4) of the Regulation of Surveillance Act 2006 that no matter has been excluded from my report at the request of the Department of Home Affairs under section 28(5).

Brendan O'Friel
Surveillance Commissioner
31 January 2007