

37074 Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 Scotland (RIPSA)

I am writing to obtain information about your authority's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) and the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 Scotland (RIPSA).

To outline my query as clearly as possible, I am requesting:

How many times has your authority authorised operations or investigations under RIPA or RIPSA in the periods:

- a) 1 Jan 2019 – 31 December 2019?
- b) 1 Jan 2020 – 31 December 2020?
- c) 1 Jan 2021 – 31 December 2021?

a. One

b. Two

c. None

Provide a spreadsheet detailing, in each instance: date approved; the nature of the offence (e.g. graffiti, fly-tipping etc.) being investigated; technique(s) used (e.g. hidden cameras, bugs, undercover agents, monitoring of communications traffic data); date surveillance cancelled; details of if authorization resulted in prosecution/conviction.

For the period 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2021, the information recorded is included in the attached document.

Further details of the three operations are already published on our Disclosure Log under reference 31972 at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/homepage/10467/freedom-of-information-foi-disclosure-log>

We are unable to provide the information regarding whether any of the authorisations led to prosecution/conviction because it is not held by the Council.

For each of the periods from (Q1), how many times was the authority referred to the Investigatory Powers Tribunal as part of a complaint regarding its use of RIPA/RIPSA?

Please provide any documents detailing the outcome of these complaints.

Please note I am not asking for details of the defendants or the case itself.

The City of Edinburgh Council has not been referred to the Investigatory Powers Tribunal in this period.