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## PCC Speaking Note

- Commitment to effective self-regulation and co-regulation
- General ICO / PCC relationship
- Nature of section 55
- Results of our investigations:
  - Early suspicions
  - DVLA, BT, Criminal records
  - Search warrants
  - Documentary evidence
  - 5,500+ transactions
  - 250+ reporters
  - £75 for ex-directory; £150 for vehicle check; £500 for criminal record; up to £750 for "Family and Friends"
  - Wide range of publications
  - Invoices; remittance advices – "confidential information"; "blagged information"; details of car and phone numbers
  - Database to link transactions, with cross referrals
  - 40+ victim interviews
- Enforcement activity
  - Metropolitan Police - January
  - ICO prosecutions
  - Journalists and newspapers
- Political context
  - Select Committee report
  - Wider political interest
  - Privacy legislation
- PCC contribution??
  - General condemnation?
  - Changes to Code?