



Security Industry Authority

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Partial Regulatory Impact Assessment for Private Investigation and Precognition Agents Now Published

The partial Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) for licensing private investigation and precognition agents has been approved by the Home Office and has been published.

The Private Security Industry Act 2001 sets out under Schedule 2, Part 1, that the Security Industry Authority (SIA), has the remit to consider the licensing of Private Investigation (section 4) and Precognition Agents (section 4A).

The RIA sets out a series of options, for public and industry consultation, on the potential approaches to regulation of the Private Investigation and Precognition Agent sectors. These range from doing nothing and allowing one or both sectors to continue to self regulate, to extending the licensing remit of the SIA to include both activities and establishing probity and competency requirements as conditions of the licence.

A copy of the RIA can be obtained by following the link on the SIA website http://www.the-sia.org.uk/home/about_sia/publications/publications_ria.htm

Or via the Home Office website <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/about-us/publications/regulatory-impact-assessments/>

The three month consultation period will commence on 1 August 2007 and conclude on 24 October 2007 and following this, the Home Office will then decide on the regulatory approach to be taken to these activities.

Notes to Editors

1. Precognition agents interview witnesses for the purposes of, or in anticipation of, criminal or civil proceeding in Scotland.
2. Responses are welcomed from any stakeholder with an interest in either sector. Responses should be sent to:

Private Investigation and Precognition Agent Consultation
Home Office
Crime Reduction and Community Safety Group
SIA sponsor team
Peel Building 4th floor
2 Marsham Street

London
SW1P 4DF

Or emailed to: Consult.PI-PA@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

3. The Security Industry Authority is committed to being a model of good regulation. We will be Proportionate, Accountable, Consistent, Transparent and Targeted in all our work
4. www.the-sia.org.uk

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