



WESTERN AUSTRALIA POLICE FORCE

SURVEILLANCE DEVICES ACT 1998

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INTRODUCTION

Part 7 of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1998* requires the Commissioner of Police to furnish to the Minister, as soon as practicable after 30 June, but not later than 31 August, in each year, a report in respect of the year ending on that 30 June, containing information relating to applications under the provisions of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1998* for warrants, extensions of warrants and emergency authorisations.

The Minister is required to cause such a report furnished by the Commissioner of Police to be laid before each House of Parliament as soon as practicable.

Pursuant to section 43(1)(a) of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1998* and Regulation 8 of the *Surveillance Devices Regulations 1999*, the report must set out the relevant statistics about applications for warrants and extensions of warrants, including the number of such applications and the orders made in respect of such applications.

Responses 1 to 6 in the table below relate to the relevant statistics for applications for warrants.

1. The number of applications for warrants that were made.	213
2. The number of applications for warrants that were refused.	1
3. The number of applications for warrants that were withdrawn.	0

4. The number of warrants that were issued.	212
5. The number of applications for warrants that were made by the applicant on behalf of another law enforcement officer.	3
6. The number of applications for warrants that were made by means other than filing a written application at the court.	0

Section 43(1)(a) and Regulation 8: Applications For Extensions Of Warrants

Pursuant to section 43(1)(a) of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1998* and Regulation 8 of the *Surveillance Devices Regulations 1999*, the report must set out the relevant statistics for extensions of warrants, including the number of such applications and the orders made in respect of those applications.

Responses 7 to 12 in the table below relate to the relevant statistics for applications for extensions of warrants.

7. The number of applications for extensions of warrants that were made.	11
8. The number of applications for extensions of warrants that were refused.	0
9. The number of applications for extensions of warrants that were withdrawn.	0
10. The number of applications for extensions of warrants that were granted.	11
11. The number of applications for extensions of warrants that were made by the applicant on behalf of another law enforcement officer.	0
12. The number of applications for extensions of warrants that were made by means other than filing a written application at the court.	0

Section 43(1)(b) and Regulation 8: Applications For Emergency Authorisations

Pursuant to section 43(1)(b) of the *Surveillance Devices Act 1998* and Regulation 8 of the *Surveillance Devices Regulations 1999*, the report must set out the relevant statistics about applications for emergency authorisations, including the number of such applications and the authorisations issued in respect of those applications and the number of such applications for emergency authorisations that were withdrawn.

Responses 13 to 16 in the table below relate to the relevant statistics for emergency authorisations.

13. The number of applications for emergency authorisations that were made.	9
14. The number of applications for emergency authorisations that were refused.	0
15. The number of applications for emergency authorisations that were withdrawn.	0
16. The number of emergency authorisations that were issued.	9



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