Abstract

The chapter ‘Context to the Legislation’ aims to give the reader an overview of the why the Government felt that the legislation was needed. This chapter also covers the current legislation around communication data and the difference to this ICRs Investigatory Powers Bill would make. The chapter ‘How an ICR works’ deals with the actual mechanics of who can apply for communication data, the obligations on the ISPs to provide that data and the observation that ICRs may well differ between ISPs. The chapter ‘The Purposes of ICRs’ explores what functions ICRs hope to fulfil, and the way that communication data could be used in investigations. The chapter ‘Danish Experience’ aims to give the reader a comparison with an attempted scheme that was aborted in Denmark. Comparisons and differences with the proposed UK are analysed to see if lessons can be learnt from the Danish experience.

The chapter ‘Avoiding the Impact of ICRs’ explains to the reader how the aim of ICRs can be avoided. This includes by the use of VPNs, anonymising tools and the use of alternative technologies. The chapter ‘Further Research’ aims to highlight other research lines that have either been raised by this research or should be research lines in their own right.