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Question:

Is IGIS aware of any additional incidences where intelligence has been passed to foreign officials in breach of privacy law?

Answer:

Through regular inspection activities, OIGIS staff pay close attention to the distribution of intelligence about Australian persons by agencies.

Other incidents have come to light during inspection activities and have also been self-reported by agencies.