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Question:

I refer again to comments in the IGIS 2014-15 annual report which states:

It is difficult for the office to continue to demonstrate rigorous and credible oversight given the strict limitations on public reporting.

How many staff does IGIS currently have?

Answer:

As at 27 November 2015, the Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security has 16 staff (not including the Inspector-General).