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With the growth in government agencies and the Government's new metadata surveillance laws, does IGIS need greater oversight of these agencies through enlarging its office?

Answer:

No. It is necessary for the IGIS to be selective about the aspects of intelligence agencies' work to be reviewed, and to prioritise that work taking into account risk and available resources. Within that framework, the IGIS considers that at present resources are adequate to discharge its responsibilities in relation to the intelligence agencies, including the use of new metadata laws.