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Has IGIS received or requested additional funding following the new surveillance laws?

Answer:

IGIS has not received or requested additional funding in response to the metadata retention legislation.

In late 2014 OIGIS received additional funding of \$840,000 in recognition of additional oversight responsibilities arising from national security legislative reform. This has enabled an additional five staff to be recruited.

In addition, OIGIS has received an exemption from the efficiency dividend, which will allow staffing levels to remain stable.