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Dear Mr Hankin,

Thank you for your e-mail of 22/05/2008 11:19:19 PM about targeted online advertising. You asked how many parties requested information about the compatibility of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 and Targeted Online Advertising prior to the writing of the Home Office note January 2008. I have taken this to mean all separate parties and therefore have included solicitors separately from the companies they represent etc. We have written records from five different parties, although it is not clear if some of the legal parties were acting for more than one company.

I have taken your request for the dates of request to mean the first date each party made the request for a view on the compatibility rather than dates of repeated requests for the same information by the same party.

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| Party 1 | 15 November 2006 |
| Party 2 | 16 August 2007 |
| Party 3 | 09 July 2007 |
| Party 4 | 16 August 2007 |
| Party 5 | 22 August 2007 |

In your letter you asked "how many of the parties making such requests are British Internet Service Providers (ISPs) operating in the UK?". I have taken that to mean which of the companies who asked for the Home Office view are

British and Operate in the UK. The Home Office does not hold any information on the nationality of the CSPs and therefore it is not something that we would be able to answer under an FOI request.

Your last question related to whether other non ISPs requested the Home Office view on targeted online advertising. Three of the Five parties were non ISPs including legal representatives. However it should be pointed out that it is not clear whether the legal representatives were advising more than one client,

Andrew Knight

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