

Consultation on enhanced investigatory powers

Consultation questionnaire form

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Question 1

Do you think that the purpose of our policy statement on the use of enhanced investigatory powers is clear and that the statement is able to be understood by non-lawyers?

Yes

No

Comments

Question 2

Do you agree that a notice to attend interview should only be authorised by the Head of Legal, Legal Director or Chief Executive as proposed in the policy statement?

Yes

No

Comments

Question 3(a)

Do you consider that it would be helpful, necessary or not necessary for an SRA lawyer to be present at the investigation meeting?

Helpful

Necessary

Not necessary

Comments

Question 3(b)

If SRA lawyers attend investigation meetings, what do you think their function should be?

For clarification of legal issues.

Question 4

Do you agree that a person attending for interview should have the right to be accompanied?

Yes

No

Question 5

Do you agree that the SRA lawyer should be able to exclude representatives who obstruct the meeting or otherwise act unreasonably?

Yes

No

Comments

It will be difficult to define objectively what may or may not appear obstructive or unreasonable. The SRA lawyer is not present to chair the meeting but to advise the investigating officer. He/she may of course draw a meeting to a close if it is felt that progress is being impeded. This will become a matter of record.

Question 6

Please use the box below to add any further comments about the proposed powers in general.

None.

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