

CAPI REVIEW 2009 – PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS

The institute received a letter from the Ministry for Police copy attached. The letter was only received on 19th May and the submissions have to be submitted by the 1st June, this only leaves 13 days for the Institute to write to our members and to submit their answers to the 48 recommendations so the only that we can get this done within the time constraints is to put it on the web site and ask our members to urgently get their ideas back to us.

The letter from the Ministry of Police states that these draft recommendations are confidential and not intended for general distribution and we ask you to respect this request. The Institute understands the enormous ramifications contained in the 48 recommendations that will affect the whole of our industry and we would draw your attention to recommendation 44 which states:-

“that no additional access to information be granted by virtue of a Commercial Agent or Private Investigator licence”.

As you are currently aware that our industry has no more access to information than any member of the public. This begs the question as to how can an Investigator locate a witness or gain information on behalf of a client facing Criminal charges and does this deny the client the right to a fair trial.

We often wonder if public officials who have sons or daughters who have been charged by Police but maintain their innocence and inform a Private Investigator engaged by their Solicitor to locate a certain witness who will be able to prove that they are innocent only to be told that the law prohibits the Investigator from finding the witness and thus their son or daughter will proven guilty when they are innocent

When the Institute had finalized its submission to the 48 recommendations the institute will place them on the Web site.