

GCSB Compliance Review – Progress Report 3

(for the period ending 31 December 2013)

This is the third report on the Government Communications Security Bureau's (GCSB) activities and change programme since the Compliance Review conducted by Rebecca Kitteridge was released on 9 April 2013.

In this report we focus on the overall progress to the end of 2013.

The GCSB has a major change programme underway that reflects the recommendations of the Compliance Review. In the third-quarter this programme was extended to include a significant amount of additional activity to respond to the requirements of the GCSB Amendment Act, which came into force on 27 September 2013. This work, which drew heavily on GCSB resources, including drafting new warrants and authorisations, developing revised operational policies, and training.

Solid progress has been made across all areas of the programme with 35 recommendations completed and meaningful progress made on 27 others. Areas of continuing and substantial work include:

- operational policies and training;
- compliance auditing;
- organisational design; and
- information management

The Inspector General of Intelligence and Security has developed an extensive work programme of investigation and review and meets with GCSB staff on a continuing basis. Accommodation and staffing for the Office of the IGIS is close to being completed.

We are currently targeting completion of all recommendations by 30 June 2014.

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GCSB Progress implementing Compliance Review recommendations – as at 31 December 2013

	31 December 2013				
	Total Recs ¹	Total completed	Partially completed	Work-in-progress	Total progress made
Compliance	26	11	7	2	20/26
Oversight	4	1	1	1	3/4
Information Management	9	2		3	5/9
Legal Capability and Capacity	9	6	1	2	9/9
Measurement and Reporting	6	2		1	3/6
Organisation Structure and Culture	24	12	1	7	20/24
Outreach Capability and Capacity	2	1		1	2/2
Total	80	35	10	17	62/80

¹ These totals differ slightly from those previously published due to re-categorisation.