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PCC Speaking Note

- Commitment to effective self-regulation and co-regulation
- General ICO / PCC relationship
- Nature of section 55
- Results of our investigations:
 - Early suspicions
 - DVLA, BT, Criminal records
 - Search warrants
 - Documentary evidence
 - 5,500+ transactions
 - 250+ reporters
 - £75 for ex-directory; £150 for vehicle check; £500 for criminal record; up to £750 for "Family and Friends"
 - Wide range of publications
 - Invoices; remittance advices – "confidential information"; "blagged information"; details of car and phone numbers
 - Database to link transactions, with cross referrals
 - 40+ victim interviews
- Enforcement activity
 - Metropolitan Police - January
 - ICO prosecutions
 - Journalists and newspapers
- Political context
 - Select Committee report
 - Wider political interest
 - Privacy legislation
- PCC contribution??
 - General condemnation?
 - Changes to Code?