
Government Spying

Posted by Jimbo - 2008/10/05 20:39

Government will spy on every call and e-mail.

Ministers are considering spending up to Â£12 billion on a database to monitor and store the Internet browsing habits, e-mail and telephone records of everyone in Britain.

GCHQ, the government's eavesdropping centre, has already been given up to Â£1 billion to finance the first stage of the project.

Hundreds of clandestine probes will be installed to monitor customers live on two of the country's biggest Internet and mobile phone providers - thought to be BT and Vodafone. BT has nearly 5m Internet customers.

<http://tinyurl.com/4eexts>

Thousands will die of fuel poverty this year. In some parts of the country over 90% of children are living in poverty. The Labour Government would prefer to spend billions spying on our citizens.

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Re:Government Spying

Posted by Robin T Cox - 2008/10/06 10:07

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Posted by DoricMan - 2008/10/06 13:49

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