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**Our ref:** COL/14/454

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Dear Mr Martin,

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REF: COL/14/454**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16 June 2014 in which you seek access to the following information:

*A recent Techdirt report quotes Commissioner Adrian Leppard as stating that the Tor anonymity network accounts for 90% of the Internet's traffic:*

*"Whether it's Bitnet, The Tor – which is 90% of the Internet – peer-to-peer sharing, or the streaming capability worldwide. At what point does civil society say that as well as the benefits that brings, this enables huge risk and threat to our society that we need to take action against?"*

(Source: <https://www.techdirt.com/articles/20140615/06475527587/city-london-police-claim-that-tor-is-90-internet-is-risk-to-society.shtml>)

*As a researcher actively working on Internet metrics, I find this comment very interesting and would therefore like to request the following:*

**Q1. A copy of Commissioner Leppard's speech as delivered IP Enforcement Summit, where the comments were made**

**Q2. Any studies or details of the methodology used to arrive at the 90% figure**

*If no study or methodology can be provided, I would appreciate an explanation as to the origin of the 90% figure.*

*If my request is denied, then you must justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act, as per Section 17 of the FoI Act. Where you rely on a qualified exemption to withhold disclosure, you are obliged to consider the public interest in*

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*your decision and the refusal notice must explain not only which exemption applies and why, but also the public interest arguments addressed in reaching the decision.*

*I would be grateful if you would kindly acknowledge receipt of this request as recommended by the ICO ("It would be good practice to acknowledge receipt of requests and to refer to the 20 working day time limit, so that applicants know their request is being dealt with").*

### Questions 1 and 2

Commissioner Leppard did not refer to a speech at the IP Enforcement Summit, however a Power Point presentation is available should you wish to have a copy of this. However, please note it makes no reference to the dark web.

With reference to the 90% quote, this was raised in dialogue during the question and answer session of the debate. The City of London Police holds no information relevant to this question.

The Commissioner released the following comments on Twitter which you may also wish to refer to.

*'Just to clarify, while speaking at the #IPSummit14 about the benefits vs risks of the internet, Commissioner Leppard mentioned the Tor whilst referring to accessing the Deep Web and its risk to society. With the global scale of online theft, money laundering & the victimisation of vulnerable people in our society, it is important to debate how best to protect society from the risks the internet brings.'*

Should you have any further questions regarding your request, please contact me via e-mail, letter or telephone, quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

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