

News story: New Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation appointed

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The Home Secretary has appointed Max Hill QC as the government's new Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation.

Mr Hill has been a QC for 9 years and has extensive experience both defending and prosecuting complex cases involving terrorism, homicide, violent crime, high value fraud and corporate crime. He successfully prosecuted the 21/7 bombers, and appeared in the inquest into the 7/7 bombings. Mr Hill takes over the role from David Anderson QC, who has held the post since 2011.

Welcoming the appointment, Home Secretary Amber Rudd said:

I am pleased to announce that Max Hill QC has been appointed as Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation.

With the threat from terrorism continuing to evolve and diversify, it is vital we have robust oversight to ensure our counter-terrorism laws are fair, necessary and proportionate. Mr Hill brings a wealth of experience and legal expertise to help deliver this.

I am grateful to David Anderson QC for his service as Independent Reviewer and thank him for his considered reports and valuable analysis.

Max Hill QC said:

I am very pleased to have this opportunity, which comes at a time of heightened concern about the risk from terrorism which we all face in the UK. As a practising barrister with experience in both counter-terrorism and the rights of citizens facing allegations of serious crime, I look forward to working with participants at all levels and from all sides.

As part of his role, Mr Hill will be required to provide an annual report on his findings, which the government must lay before Parliament and publish. He will begin his tenure on 1 March 2017.