

1. A stated principle of counter-terrorism laws is that they should:-  
*contain appropriate safeguards against abuse;*

Our experience so far seems to have been that the judiciary has kept the effects of excessive intelligence enthusiasm in check.

**Maintaining effective judicial safeguards against abuse is extremely important.**

2. *“Extraordinary measures are justified in extreme circumstances where available evidence is insufficient to enable suspected terrorists to be detained under existing criminal law.”*

I doubt this clause is necessary. Domestic busts have come from phone-tapping, and perhaps from infiltration, over lengthy periods of time; not from apprehending people *in flagrante delicto*. Legislation need not address the “ticking bomb” scenario, which may grip the public imagination but in reality is extremely unlikely to occur, or to need special laws to handle.

**I see no evidence that Counter-Terrorism powers need strengthening.**