

## [News story: HM Land Registry wins government counter fraud award](#)

Fraud is now the most prevalent crime in the United Kingdom. The annual [Government Counter Fraud Awards](#) recognise exceptional achievement and innovation in fighting fraud in the public sector. Entrants included counter fraud teams and individuals from across the UK public sector, including those working in local government and central government agencies and departments.

Our award was for the work we have done in raising awareness of how property fraud can occur, who is most at risk and what people can do to protect themselves. The awareness campaign focused on our free [Property Alert](#) service, encouraging people to sign up so they can receive an early warning of fraudulent activity on their property.

With minimal direct contact with citizens itself, HM Land Registry relies heavily on business customers such as conveyancers and estate agents to encourage their clients to sign up for Property Alert and read our [fraud advice](#). In addition to making the public more aware of property fraud and how to protect themselves, our counter fraud team provides training to employees, law enforcement agencies and financial investigators in how to detect and prevent registered title fraud.

The judges said:

Property fraud is an area of significant risk and the campaign left no stone unturned in its efforts to raise awareness and engage citizens with its Property Alert service. They were astute in selecting the most effective, audience-appropriate channels and received justifiably very positive feedback for their efforts.

As a result of the increased numbers of people signing up to Property Alert in 2016/17, 100,000 more properties are better protected against fraud – an estimated £20 billion worth of property assets based on the average house price of £200,000.

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## [Press release: Change of Her Majesty's Ambassador to Guatemala](#)

2015 – present Guatemala City, Her Majesty's Ambassador to Honduras (based in Guatemala City) 2012 – 2015 FCO, Deputy Head, Climate Change and Energy Department 2008 – 2012 Lusaka, British High Commissioner (job share with her

husband) 2003 – 2008 Bratislava, Deputy Head of Mission (job share with her husband) 2000 – 2002 Bangkok, Senior Public Diplomacy Officer 1999 FC0, Deputy Head, Cultural Relations Department 1999 FC0, Project Officer, Personnel Department 1998 – 1999 Maternity leave 1997 – 1998 FC0, Assistant Private Secretary, Minister for Europe's office 1995 – 1997 FC0, Desk Officer, Southern European Department 1993 – 1995 Bonn, Third Secretary Science and Technology 1993 Brussels, Stage at the European Commission 1990 – 1992 Tokyo, Private Secretary to the Ambassador 1988 – 1989 Tokyo, Economic Attaché 1987 – 1988 Language training (Japanese) 1986 – 1987 FC0, Visa Officer, Migration and Visa Department 1986 Joined FC0

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## [News story: Campus visits](#)

Law fairs are a good opportunity for students to find out more about the work of government lawyers and the [legal trainee scheme](#).

Please contact the universities listed below for further details about their law fairs.

University	Date
City, University of London	Wednesday 11 October
University of Sheffield	Wednesday 18 October
Newcastle University	Wednesday 18 October
University of Cambridge	Thursday 19 October
University of Nottingham	Monday 23 October
University of Warwick	Tuesday 24 October
King's College London	Thursday 26 October
London School of Economics	Thursday 26 October
University of Leeds	Thursday 26 October
Queen Mary, University of London	Tuesday 31 October
Cardiff University	Tuesday 31 October
Bristol University	Wednesday 1 November
University of Oxford	Saturday 4 November
University of Birmingham	Wednesday 8 November
University of Reading	Wednesday 8 November
University College London	Tuesday 14 November
University of Manchester	Tuesday 14 November
University of Southampton	Wednesday 15 November
University of Exeter	Wednesday 15 November
University of Essex	Wednesday 16 November
BPP University	Wednesday 22 November
University of Surrey	Wednesday 22 November
St Mary's University	Monday 27 November

## **News story: Dodoma city development tops agenda of UK Trade Envoy's visit to Tanzania**

UK Trade envoy visits Tanzania.

The British Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Tanzania, Lord Clive Hollick will visit Tanzania from 2nd to 4th of October, 2017. As part of his visit, Lord Hollick will travel to Dodoma with specialist UK Companies and meet with local leaders to further understand the Governments of Tanzania's plans for Dodoma.

The UK wants to assist in the realisation of Tanzania's vision for Dodoma and through partnership help deliver high-quality solutions for Dodoma's expansion.

Lord Hollick's visit comes during the Government of Tanzania's move to Dodoma which has seen an increase in population in the country's capital city and has necessitated a re-evaluation of key infrastructure needs to provide for the rapid increase in the number of people.

Lord Hollick will also hold meetings with the Ministry of Works, Transport and Communication, the Ministry of Finance and Planning, local business leaders and British investors in Tanzania.

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## **News story: Law tightened to target terrorists' use of the internet**

Counter-terrorism laws are to be updated to keep pace with modern online behaviour and to address the issue of online radicalisation, Home Secretary Amber Rudd has announced today.

The government intends to change the law, so that people who repeatedly view terrorist content online could face up to 15 years behind bars. The proposed changes will strengthen the existing offence of possessing information likely to be useful to a terrorist (Section 58 Terrorism Act 2000) so that it

applies to material that is viewed repeatedly or streamed online. Currently the power only applies to online material which has been downloaded and stored on the offender's computer, is saved on a separate device or printed off as a hard copy.

The move to tighten the law around the viewing of terrorist material comes as part of a wide-ranging review of the government's counter terrorism strategy, following this year's terror attacks, and will help provide an important and effective way of intervening earlier in an investigation and disrupting terrorist activity.

The legal changes will also increase the maximum penalty from 10 to 15 years to reflect the seriousness of the offence and ensure perpetrators are locked up for longer.

The new maximum penalty of 15 years will also apply to terrorists who publish information about members of the armed forces, police and intelligence services for the purposes of preparing acts of terrorism (Section 58a of the Terrorism Act 2000). There have been a number of prosecutions for terrorism offences which have featured armed forces personnel (or military establishments) as targets for attacks, including the successful conviction of Junead Khan last year for planning to attack personnel at a USAF airbase in Norfolk, and of those responsible for the horrific murder of Fusilier Lee Rigby.

The updated offence will ensure that only those found to repeatedly view online terrorist material will be captured by the offence, to safeguard those who click on a link by mistake or who could argue that they did so out of curiosity rather than with criminal intent. A defence of 'reasonable excuse' would still be available to academics, journalists or others who may have a legitimate reason to view such material.