

WITNESS ANONYMITY ORDERS

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Q1: How many applications for witness anonymity orders have been made since July 2008?					
Q2: How many of those applications have been successful?					
Year	Number of cases	Applications made	Applications decided	Applications granted	Applications refused
July 08 to Dec 08	136 cases All finalised	210	210	195	15
Jan 09 to Dec 09	210 cases 209 finalised 1 case outstanding – trial 23/02/11 – applications yet to be made and decided	223	223	212	11
Jan 10 to July 10	141 cases 122 finalised	223	134	134	0
TOTALS		656	567	541	26
Q3: Given that one application can be made for more than one witness, how many witnesses have asked for anonymity since July 2008? How many individual witnesses have been successful?					
Year	Number of witnesses in respect of whom anonymity orders were sought by the police	Civilians	Undercover police officers	Test purchase officers	Others
July 08 to Dec 08	335	136	86	109	4
Jan 09 to Dec 09	371	48	123	172	28
Jan 10 to July 10	432	42	106	247	37
TOTALS		226	315	528	69
Year	Number of witnesses in respect of whom anonymity orders were sought by the police	Anonymity orders sought by the police but not sought by the CPS	Applications made	Applications not made	Details
July 08 to Dec 08	335	34	210	91	
Jan 09 to Dec 09	371	15	**253	111	**For 8 witnesses 16 applications made (overlap between indictments)
Jan 10 to July 10	432	7	223	202	

TOTALS	1138	56	686	404	
Q4: How many applications have requested for special counsel and how many of those applications have been successful?					
Year	Number of cases – specials counsel requested	Applications made	Applications granted	Applications not granted	Application not made
July 08 to Dec 08	2	10 civilians	6	3	1 (re-trial July 09)
Jan 09 to Dec 09	NIL				
Jan 10 to July 10	NIL				