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Oral Answers to Questions

Retail Crime

Mr. Tom Watson (West Bromwich, East) (Lab): Will my hon. and learned Friend satisfy herself that the Crown Prosecution Service has not successfully prosecuted cases on the basis of police files that were compiled using evidence illegally obtained by *New s of the World* phone hacking?

The Solicitor-General (Vera Baird): Yes-I am not sure that any connection has been made, but I am very well aware of the issue, and it is an issue well raised.