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Responding to Jack Straw's comments about police officers hiding behind bureaucracy to stay in police stations, Simon Reed, vice-chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales, says:

"Jack Straw's remarks are irresponsible and inflammatory. It wasn't police officers who brought in 3,000 new laws; it wasn't police officers who brought in a 30 page prosecution file, and it wasn't police officers who brought in multiple forms and authorities to use a pair of binoculars! This was all done by politicians. Police officers are not the architects of bureaucracy, they and the public are the victims of it."