



New crime bill to introduce Unexplained Wealth Orders

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The Government is due to publish a new proceeds of crime bill tomorrow, which will introduce Unexplained Wealth Orders (UWOs), as reported in [The Times](#) (paywall).

UWOs would allow the police to apply for an order to require individuals to explain their source of wealth where it exceeds their lawful income. They will be a useful antidote to foreign public officials on low salaries and no other obvious source of legal income who hold valuable UK property, as [reported](#) following the release of the Panama Papers.

Our [James Maton](#) was a member of the Transparency International panel that developed a detailed proposal for UWOs (see summary [here](#)). We will publish our analysis of the Government's proposal once it is published.

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