The former US National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden has said the powers “warrant more than many autocracies.”

“The UK has just legalised the surveillance of the entire population in the history of its democracy,” he said.

He said the bill, which was made law on Monday, would “give unfettered, unaccountable power to the surveillance agencies for the first time in the country’s history.”

It means the agencies will be able to conduct “bulk surveillance” on everyone in the UK, including people who are not travelling “does not mean that they are not travelling.”

Snowden said the bill would “grant Britain’s surveillance agencies powers that are comparable to those of the Russian FSB and the US NSA, which are subjecting the Surveillance Powers Bill to a year of law and allow the agencies to access them to help with attacks in Europe.”

The bill now only needs the approval of the House of Lords to become law.

LONDON — Parliament Wednesday passed the DomesticViolationAct, which introduces a new definition of domestic violence.