



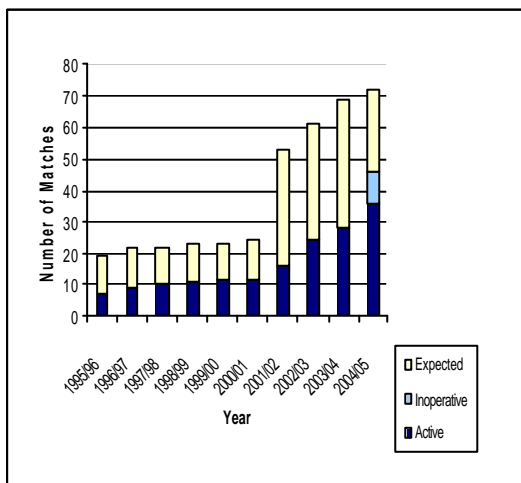
INFORMATION MATCHING BULLETIN

November 2005 Information Matching Newsletter from the Privacy Commissioner

The 2004/05 Annual Report

The report of the Privacy Commissioner for the year ended June 2005 was tabled in Parliament on 23 November ¹.

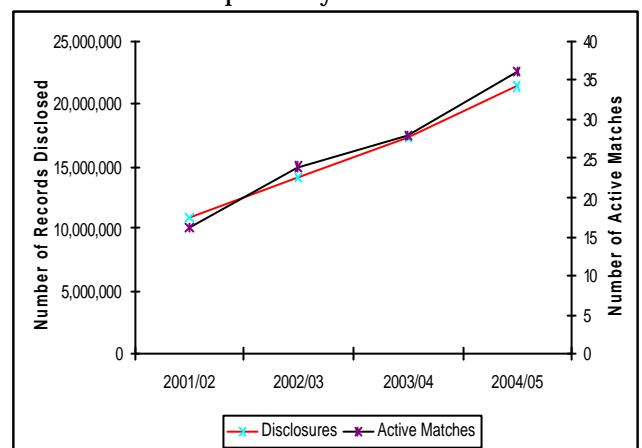
The Information Matching section of the report includes statistical information on the growth of matching activity in terms of the number of matches and records disclosed.



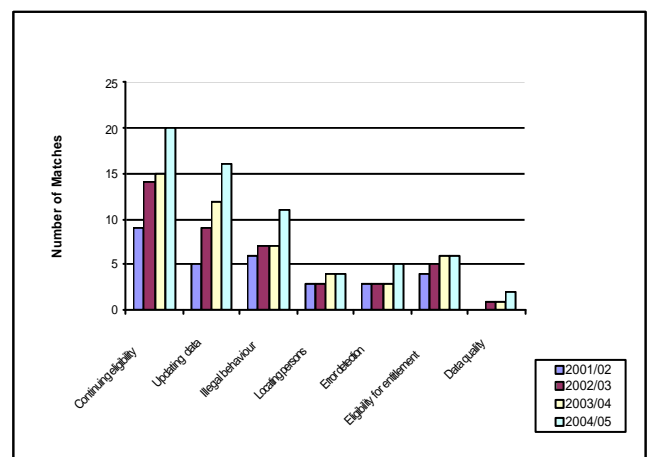
We reported on 36 active matches, of which 8 were newly active (28% increase). Nearly one third of all matches use on-line transfers of data.

Over the last 3 years, the number of records disclosed for data matching and the number of matches have both

doubled from 10.8 to 21.4 million and from 16 to 36 respectively.



A breakdown on the main purpose of each programme shows that agencies continue to concentrate on administrative processes around updating data, verifying (continuing) eligibility for benefits, and detecting illegal behaviour.



¹ The full report is available on our website

Agency Participation

(by number of matches)

Agency	user	source
MSD	16	4
EEC	5	-
IRD	4	7
ACC	2	-
DIA(Passports)	2	-
Justice (Collections)	2	-
MED	2	-
DIA (Citizenship)	1	3
DoL (NZIS)	1	1
MoE	1	2
BDM	-	4
Customs	-	3
SVB Netherlands	-	3
MoT	-	2
Corrections	-	2
Centrelink	-	2
LTNZ	-	1
Education institutions	-	1
Employers	-	1

As at 30 June there were 10 user agencies and 14 source agencies. A total of 19 different agencies were involved in data matching with 5 agencies that acted as both source and user.

We are anticipating that over the coming fiscal year, the number of active matches will increase from the current 36 to between 40 and 45 active matches.

On-line transfers – a note of caution

Agencies that have been granted an on-line approval must ensure they have systems in place to meet the conditions of that approval. All approvals contain a condition that calls for an audit report to be provided to this Office by a specific date. The date is set to allow sufficient time for this Office to assess compliance with that approval and to consider any request for a new approval prior to the expiry of the existing one.

Publications

There are a number of publications and reports available from the Privacy Commissioner that may be of interest to those involved in information matching. These are listed on the Privacy Commissioner's web site at:
<http://www.privacy.org.nz>

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