

11 February 2020

Mike Bush
Police Commissioner
New Zealand Police

Tēnā koe Mr Bush

Reporting requirement notice: Approved information sharing agreement between the Registrar-General and the New Zealand Police (Our Ref: IS/0036)

I am writing to formalise the reporting requirement for the approved information sharing agreement (AISA) between the Registrar-General and the New Zealand Police for the purpose of improving the accuracy of the personal information stored in Police's national database of identity information and assist the Police to perform its functions relating to the maintenance of the law.

Part 9A of the Privacy Act 1993 and the Privacy Regulations 1993 set out the details that I can require Police to report on. I have considered the cost of reporting, the degree of public interest in the sharing arrangement and the impact on individuals' privacy.

As an important transparency measure, this letter and the notice will be published on our website.

The Police contact person for this matter is Juliet Armstrong.

Nāku noa



nā John Edwards
Privacy Commissioner

Reporting requirement notice: approved information sharing agreement (AISA)

To: New Zealand Police (lead agency)

Under sections 96S(1)(b), 96T and 96U of the Privacy Act 1993, and clause 9 of the Privacy Regulations 1993, the Privacy Commissioner has specified the following reporting in respect of the approved information sharing agreement listed in schedule 2A of the Privacy Act between the Registrar-General and NZ Police to facilitate the following public services:

- (a) keeping the peace
- (b) maintaining public safety
- (c) law enforcement
- (d) crime prevention
- (e) community support and reassurance
- (f) national security
- (g) participation in Police activities outside New Zealand
- (h) emergency management
- (i) intervention to prevent or reduce harm to individuals and New Zealand society in general.

New Zealand Police will collate the following information annually (for the period between 1 July and 30 June) and report the information in its annual report for that year:

Registrar-General disclosures to Police

- Number of name changes notified to Police (DIA to provide this information to Police)
- Number of name changes resulting in an updated NIA record-
- Number of deaths notified to Police (DIA to provide this information to Police)
- Number of deaths resulting in an updated NIA record
- Number of non-disclosure directions notified to Police (DIA to provide this to Police)
- Number of non-disclosure directions resulting in an updated NIA record
- Number of non-disclosure direction resulting in the created of a NIA record

Benefits (Quantitative)

- A reasonable estimate of the number of deaths resulting in ceasing of enforcement action
- The number of individuals previously unknown to Police who hold non-disclosure directions
- The number of firearms license holders whose details have been updated as a result of a name change or death notification.

Benefits (Qualitative)

Feedback about the effectiveness of information sharing under the agreement including:

- Examples of how information from the sharing has supported law enforcement activity; and

- Examples of how information from the sharing has supported the delivery of advice/protection.

Adverse actions

- The estimated number of individuals in respect of whom adverse action was taken where there was no requirement to give prior notice under the agreement.
- The types of adverse action taken as a result of the sharing of personal information under the agreement.

Assurance

- Details of any difficulties experienced (for example, data breach) and how they are being, or have been, overcome.
- Number of complaints received about an alleged interference with privacy under the agreement and the disposition of those complaints.
- Where an audit or other assurance process has been undertaken, commentary on the adequacy of security measures and other safeguards.
- Details of any amendments made to the agreement since the Order in Council came into force (if the first report), or since the last report prepared (if the report is not the first report prepared).

Costs

- Number of full-time equivalent staff responsible for the agreement.
- Estimated on-going operating cost.

One off reporting for first report

- Number of non-disclosure directions notified in retrospect



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Privacy Commissioner

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