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Tēnā koe Paul

Reporting requirement notice: Approved information sharing agreement facilitating access to information about deaths.

I am writing to formalise the reporting requirements for the approved information sharing agreement 'Information Sharing Agreement Facilitating Access to Information about Deaths made on 22 November 2022' (the AISA) for which the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) is the specified lead agency.

The AISA assists with the provision of public services by facilitating access to accurate Death Information and Overseas Death Information for Organisations. It also provides for updating records about individuals associated with the deceased individual so that their records are also accurate.

Part 7 of the Privacy Act 2020 and the Privacy Regulations 2020 set out the details that I can require DIA to report on. I have considered the cost of reporting, the degree of public interest in the sharing arrangement and the impact on the individuals' privacy. The attached reporting metrics are designed to support an assessment of whether the AISA is achieving its objectives.

This letter and the notice will be published on our website as an important transparency measure.

The DIA contact person for this matter is Logan Fenwick, Manager Information Partnerships.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Webster', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Michael Webster
Privacy Commissioner

Reporting requirement notice: Approved information sharing agreement (AISA)

To: The Department of Internal Affairs (lead agency)

Under sections 154(1)(b), 155, 156 of the Privacy Act 2020 and clause 13 of the Privacy Regulations 2020, the Privacy Commissioner has specified the following reporting in respect of the AISA listed in schedule 2 of the Privacy Act to assist with the provision of public services by facilitating access to accurate Death Information and Overseas Death Information for Organisations.

The Department of Internal Affairs will collate the information annually (for the period between 1 July and 30 June) and report the information in its annual report for that year.

Scale

- Number of records provided.

Benefits: Quantitative

- Number of adverse action letters contested (for Parties that have notifiable adverse actions).

Assurance

- Details of any amendments made to the agreement (including schedules) 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).
- Details of any difficulties experienced and how they are being, or have been, overcome.



Michael Webster
Privacy Commissioner

Date: 18 April 2023

