Update Privacy Law and Practice

Service 115 — September 2021

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Commentary

Privacy Act 2020

Additions have been made to the commentary on the Privacy Act 2020 in the following sections:

PA21.8 Section 21(c) Cultural perspectives

PA22.47 Information privacy principle 4(b): "Personal Affairs"

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PA22.73 Information privacy principle 6: Desirability of auditing personal information held by agencies

PA22.74 The significance and utility of information privacy principle 6

PA24.6 Privacy Act subject to other New Zealand law

PA27.6 Section 27(1)(b) and (2)(b): "personal affairs"

PA31.4 Invocation of s 11(2)

PA31.5 Section 31(2) and alternative claims

PA31.6 Application of Part 4 of the Act to information held by public sector agencies under s 31(2)

PA34.3 Examples of reasons for urgent issue of codes and amendments

PA41.5 Cases on s 41 urgency

PA43.5 Section 43(1)(b): where request is believed to be "more closely connected with the functions or activities of another agency"

PA44.2 Section 44(1): "As soon as reasonably practicable"

PA44.5 Section 44(2)(a): information cannot be "readily retrieved"

PA46.6 Relevant time at which the agency must have the good reason for refusing access to personal information

PA49.3 Section 49(1): "An agency may refuse access"

PA53.7 Section 53(b)(i) and (ii): "the affairs" of another individual or deceased person

PA53.10 Section 53(b): Cases on "unwarranted disclosure" of another's affairs PA53.30 "Frivolous or vexatious" under the Official Information Act

PA53.31 Section 53(h): "the request is frivolous or vexatious"

PA60.6 Cases on urgent requests

PA62.3 Obligations under s 62

PA62.5 Section 62(1)(b): where a request is believed to be "more closely connected with the functions or activities of another agency"

PA69.11 Section 69(3): "without proper basis"

PA77.7 Settlements: what is a complaint worth?

PA102.2 Section 102(1) and (2): "any action of the defendant"

PA102.5 Section 102(s)(c): Damages

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PA111.4 Proceedings in the Human Rights Review Tribunal

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PA114.3 "As soon as practicable"

PA173.3 Henry VIII clause considered appropriate by Cabinet and Select Committee