



Inland Revenue
Te Tari Taake

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Dear Mr Chipping

Thank you for your request of 9 August 2021, made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). You requested:

1. *Has your agency contracted work to Research New Zealand in the last five years?*
 - *If so, did you provide private information or data on individuals to Research New Zealand?*
 - *If so, what agreements did you make with Research New Zealand regarding privacy and data retention?*
2. *Have you been notified of any data breaches, security issues, or privacy issues with Research New Zealand?*

Question 1: If Inland Revenue has contracted work to Research New Zealand in the last five years

At the date of your request (9 August 2021), Inland Revenue had not had a contract with Research New Zealand (Research NZ) in the last five years.

However, since your request was made, we have signed a contract with Research NZ. The contract requires Research NZ staff to keep confidential information secure and protected. In addition, Research NZ staff will be required to sign certificates of confidentiality under the Tax Administration Act 1994 (TAA). The TAA imposes statutory obligations on those who sign it to keep sensitive revenue information (including personal information) confidential.

The contract requires Research NZ to return all confidential information or destroy it within five days of the end of the contract period. Inland Revenue will retain, archive or destroy the information according to the terms of our retention and disposal schedule. That schedule has been approved by the Chief Archivist pursuant to the terms of the Public Records Act 2005.

Question 2: If Inland Revenue is aware of any data, security or privacy issues

We are not aware of any data breaches, security issues or privacy issues with Research NZ.

Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Robertson'.

Andrew Robertson
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