

OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP

NEW ZEALAND

Commitment 2: Improving official information practices

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Lead agency: The State Services Commission

To make government information more accessible by adopting a consistent set of agency practices in response to requests for official information.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

- Ensuring information about the Official Information Act (OIA) - for example how to make requests - is easy to access on agency websites has progressed, with principles and content provided to a cross-government group of OIA practitioners in May.
- The development of a suite of consistent measures about OIA performance is underway, alongside preparation for the next collection of OIA statistics.
- We are completing the development of an agency self-assessment tool on official information practices, which we are in the process of workshopping with agencies.
- A re-developed OIA forum will be held in May for practitioners, with another scheduled in November for Senior Leaders who are responsible for official information functions in their agency.

LINKS

- [Official Information Act statistics](#)

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Contact agencies to inform them about the next collection of OIA statistics.
- Test the agency self-assessment tool on a small number of agencies, and collect and develop OIA practice case-studies.