

Questions for the public

The full issues paper includes a large number of questions relating to the issues discussed above. We hope that many people will answer some or all of those detailed questions. However, for those people who do not wish to work through the issues paper itself, responses to the following questions would be useful.

You should feel free to respond only to those questions that are relevant to you. It would help if you could indicate in your feedback which questions you are responding to.

- 1 Do you think the Privacy Act strikes the right balance between privacy and other competing interests?
- 2 Are there ways in which compliance with the Act can be made easier and less costly without compromising its objectives?
- 3 How well is the Act working in practice? Are any problems with the Act the result of the Act itself, or rather of the way it is understood and applied?
- 4 Should the Privacy Commissioner be given a power to carry out mandatory audits of an organisation's handling of personal information and its compliance with the Privacy Act?
- 5 Should the Privacy Commissioner be given a power to issue binding enforcement notices requiring agencies to take certain action within a specified period of time to comply with the Act?
- 6 Are any changes to the Privacy Act necessary to take account of technological developments? Do you have any comments about the privacy issues associated with particular technologies, and any law reforms required to address those issues?
- 7 Should the Privacy Act include a mandatory requirement for organisations to notify affected individuals, and perhaps also the Privacy Commissioner, if the security of personal information held by an organisation is compromised (for example, if it is lost or stolen by computer hackers)?
- 8 Do you have any other comments or suggestions about how the Privacy Act could be amended or improved?