

What's New in the New Regime: Audit and Reporting in the Public Records Act

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What am I talking about?

- Policy intentions of the Public Records Act

Policy Intentions of the PRA?

- Information on how the public recordkeeping system is running
- Supports compliance
- Identifies areas requiring focus by Archives NZ
- Raises profile of recordkeeping
- Incentive for continuing improvement

Reporting – public office to Chief Archivist

Section 31

- Report by public office to Chief Archivist on request
- To provide information where there may be issues; or
- Could be used to support CA's own report to Minister

Reporting – CA to Minister

Section 32

- Report to Minister who must provide to Parliament
- Provides information on where government recordkeeping is at
- A public document – supports accountability of recordkeeping framework

Independent Audits

Section 33

- Identify performance and non-performance
- Chief Archivist not directly involved
- Accountability and transparency
- Report to Minister who must present to Parliament

Independent Audits

- Provides “un-filtered” information on state of system
- Standard setters and practitioners equally open to scrutiny

Any Questions?