

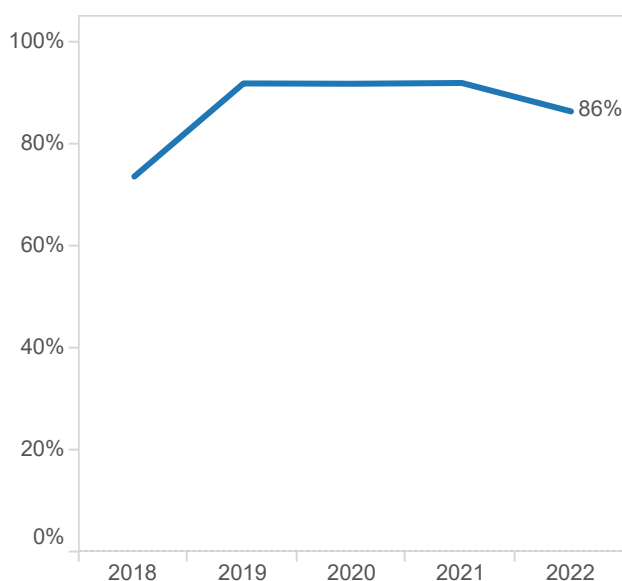
Pathway 2: Authorised proactive release of information

Agency reviews of programs for release of government information are stable

Agencies are required to conduct reviews of their program for the release of government information, at least annually (section 7(3) of the GIPA Act).

In 2021/22, 86% of agencies reported having conducted a review of their program for the release of government information. Overall, this is consistent with 92% in 2020/21 and 93% in both 2019/20 and 2018/19 (Figure 2). However there has been a more significant decline in reviews of proactive release programs by the Government and University sectors.

Figure 2: Agencies that conducted annual information release reviews as a percentage of all agencies that reported, 2017/18 to 2021/22



Results across the sectors varied (Figure 3):

- 83% of agencies in the Government sector conducted reviews, a significant decline from 100% reported to the IPC in 2020/21.
- 88% of councils conducted reviews, consistent with 88% in 2020/21.
- 90% of universities conducted reviews, a moderate decline from 100% in 2020/21.
- 86% of state-owned corporations conducted reviews, consistent with 86% in 2020/21 and 2019/20.

Since July 2015, the IPC has focused on assisting agencies with proactive release programs in recognition of declining compliance with this obligation – first identified in 2013/14. Overall, this initiative has demonstrated success. As part of this initiative, the IPC enhanced the GIPA Tool in 2018/19 to remind agencies that conducting reviews of their program is mandatory. A further enhancement of the GIPA Tool is planned for 2023 to improve functionality and user experience. In 2020/21, the IPC's Essential Guidance Toolkit, Agency Self-assessment Tool and e-learning modules were promoted to agencies to assist them to self-assess their information governance compliance. Additionally, a review has commenced to enhance functionality of the self-assessment tools.

Figure 3: Agencies that conducted annual information release reviews as a percentage of all agencies that reported, by sector, 2017/18 to 2021/22

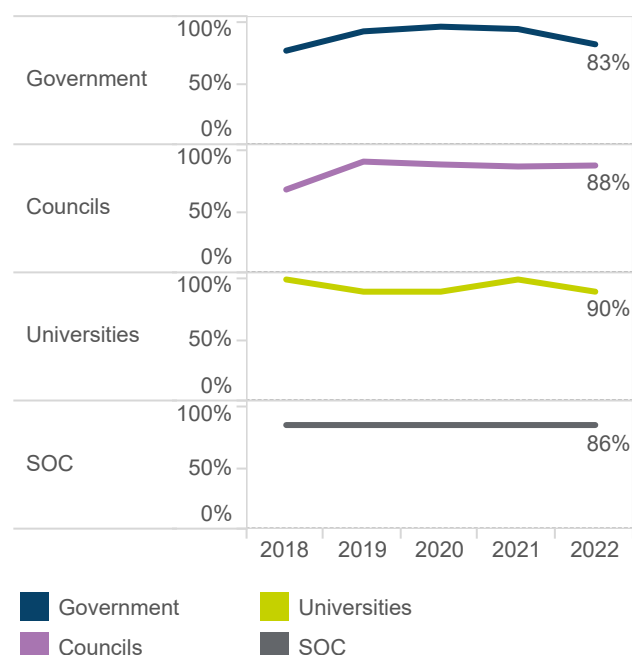
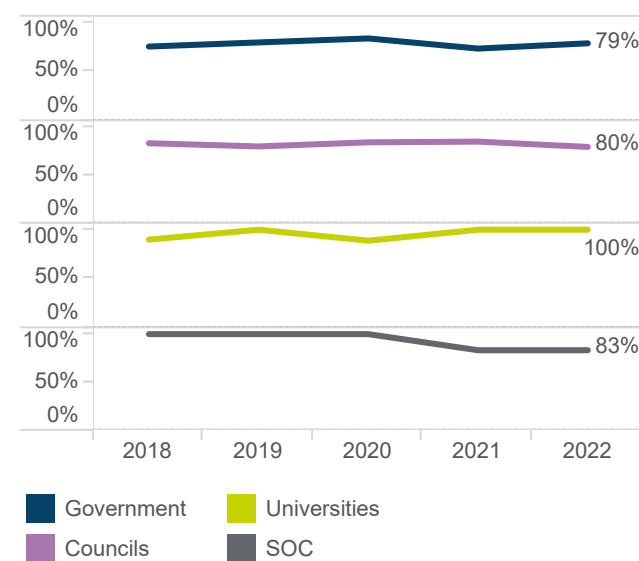


Figure 4: Agencies that released additional information as a percentage of agencies that conducted a review, by sector, 2017/18 to 2021/22



Overall release of additional information following a review remained stable, with a decline in the Council sector

Ideally, all agency information release reviews should result in additional information being released. In 2021/22, 80% of agencies that conducted a review released additional information. This is consistent with the 83% reported in 2020/21. Figure 4 shows the trends in the percentage of reviews leading to the release of additional information and shows:

- 79% of agencies in the Government sector released additional information following review, a moderate increase from 73% reported in 2020/21
- 80% of councils released additional information following review, a moderate decline from the 86% reported in 2020/21
- 100% of universities released additional information following review, consistent with 2020/21
- 83% of state-owned corporations released additional information following review, consistent with 2020/21.