

# Future Focus

## 1

### MANDATORY PROACTIVE RELEASE

#### IPC strategies

- Given the lower compliance by sampled smaller agencies with core requirements, the IPC will, during 2017/18, engage with identified agencies to promote opportunities for improvement
- The IPC will further examine with departments the reasons for the low compliance with core requirements, and improve awareness of the requirements with the five additional open access requirements.

#### Agency strategies

- Apply the guidance provided by the IPC on *Open access information under the GIPA Act – agency requirements* to meet the additional open access requirements.

## 2

### AUTHORISED PROACTIVE RELEASE

#### IPC strategies

- Targeted engagement with agencies that have demonstrated ongoing non-compliance with the requirements to conduct a review of their information release activities, including an examination of governance practices and accountability within agencies to ensure compliance with this mandatory requirement of the GIPA Act
- Enhancing the GIPA Tool to ensure agencies recognise that the conduct of reviews is mandatory
- Conduct a further audit of agency compliance with AIG's requirements that support release of information.

#### Agency strategies

- Review agency practices to promote proactive release of information to the public highlighted at page 19 and apply those practices to ensure compliance with authorised proactive release requirements.

# 3

## INFORMAL RELEASE

### IPC strategies

- Continue to promote the appropriate use of the informal pathway with agencies
- Develop statutory guidance to promote the public interest considerations in favour of disclosure of government Open Data.

### Agency strategies

- Develop practices to maximise information release through all four access pathways
- Ensure that staff are aware of all four information pathways and can confidently apply those pathways to achieve the object of the GIPA Act
- Provide training to staff to enable them to confidently apply the 'public interest' test and increase their awareness of the protections provided under the GIPA Act.

# 4

## FORMAL ACCESS APPLICATIONS

### IPC strategies

- Engage with agencies to understand the drivers behind the increases in invalid applications and facilitate the development of practices by agencies to decrease invalid applications
- Engage with agencies dealing with applications from not-for-profit or community groups to understand the drivers behind their relatively low release rates
- Continue to monitor the application of section 60(4), in particular within cluster arrangements, and provide guidance to ensure understanding and appropriate application of the provision
- Promote monitoring of timeliness in agency decision making and collaborate with agencies to identify opportunities to enhance timeliness
- Continue to monitor application of the extension of time provisions and update guidance for agencies to ensure compliance when considering extensions
- Work with the Department of Justice and other stakeholders to implement any changes made to the GIPA Act flowing from the Statutory Review
- Develop guidance to promote the public interest considerations in favour of disclosure to individuals seeking access to their out of home care information.

### Agency strategies

- Review available data and good practices to elevate timeliness
- At an executive level promote engagement, training and a collaborative approach to investigating, analysing and responding to issues identified in this report and applying an intelligence-led approach to meeting obligations under the GIPA Act and maximise achievement of Open Government.