

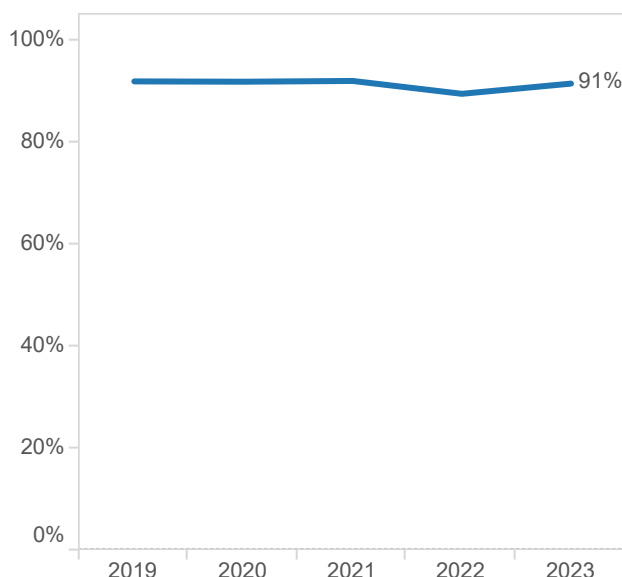
# Pathway 2: Authorised proactive release of information

## 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 2022/23, 91% of agencies self-reported having conducted a review of their program for the release of government information. Overall, this is consistent with 86% in 2021/22, 92% in 2020/21 and 93% in both 2019/20 and 2018/19 (Figure 2).

**Figure 2: Agencies that conducted annual information release reviews as a percentage of all agencies that reported, 2018/19 to 2022/23**



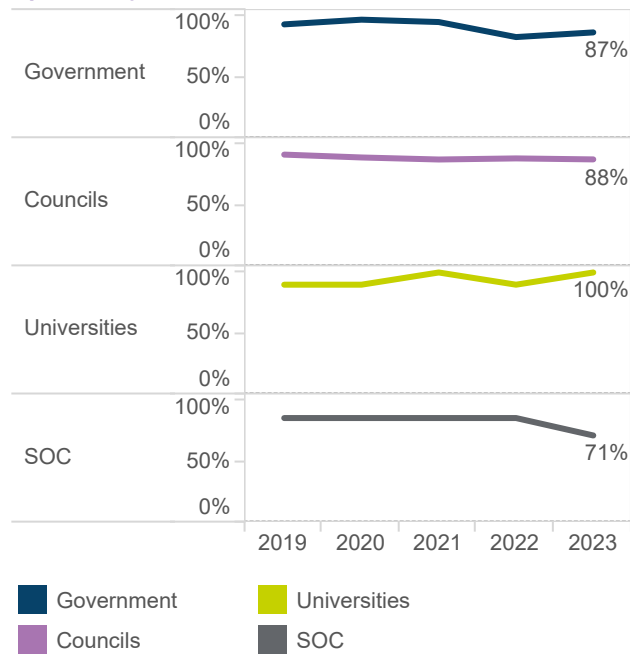
Results across the sectors varied (Figure 3):

- 87% of agencies in the Government sector conducted reviews, consistent with 83% reported to the IPC in 2021/22.
- 100% of universities conducted reviews, a moderate increase from 90% in 2021/22.
- 88% of councils conducted reviews, consistent with 88% in 2021/22.
- 71% of SOCs conducted reviews, a significant decline from 86% in 2021/22.

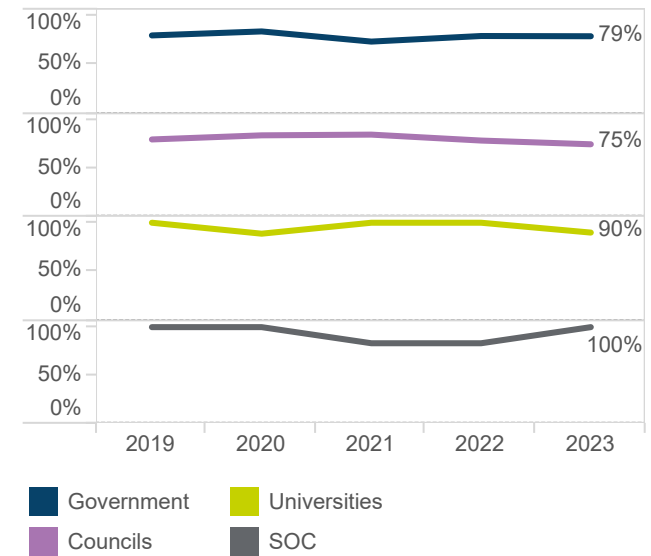
Since July 2015, the IPC has focused on assisting agencies with proactive release programs. As part of this work, the IPC enhanced its GIPA Tool in 2018/19 to remind agencies that conducting annual reviews of their program is mandatory. In 2020/21, the IPC's Essential Guidance Toolkit, Information Access Self-assessment Tool and e-Learning modules were promoted to assist them to self-assess their information governance compliance.

In May 2023, the IPC revised its Information Access Self-assessment Tool. The revised Tool allows agencies to perform an assessment of their information access maturity level while also tracking their progress in improving their information access practices. The IPC is exploring options to audit or otherwise analyse agencies' activities in conducting their annual information release reviews.

**Figure 3: Agencies that conducted annual information release reviews as a percentage of all agencies that reported, by sector, 2018/19 to 2022/23**



**Figure 4: Agencies that released additional information as a percentage of agencies that conducted a review, by sector, 2018/19 to 2022/23**



## Overall release of additional information following a review remained stable, with a decline in the Council and Universities sectors

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, consistent with 79% reported in 2021/22.
- 75% of councils released additional information following review, with a moderate decline from the 80% reported in 2021/22.
- 90% of universities released additional information following review, a moderate decline from 100% in 2021/22.
- 100% of SOCs released additional information following review, a significant increase from 83% in 2021/22.