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Privacy Code of Practice: Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research

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Bureau Of Crime Statistics And Research Code Of Practice

This is a code of practice made in accordance with Part 3 Division 1 of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998.

1. Coverage

This code is intended to cover the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research in relation to its activities in monitoring trends in crime and criminal justice, identifying factors which affect the distribution and frequency of crime and the effectiveness, efficiency and equity of the New South Wales criminal justice system and in making available statistical and other de-identified information on these trends and factors.

2. Interpretation

In this code:

'agency' means public sector agency as defined in section 3 of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998;

'Bureau' means the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research;

'functions' means collecting and/or disseminating data on crime and criminal justice and conducting research on crime and criminal justice;

'information' means personal information as defined in section 4 of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998;

'section' refers to sections of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998.

3. The Code

Section 8

There is no intention to depart from the requirements of section 8.

Section 9

Compliance with section 9 is not required if compliance might detrimentally affect or prevent the exercise by the Bureau of its functions.

Section 10

Compliance with section 10 is not required if compliance might detrimentally affect or prevent the exercise by the Bureau of its functions.

Section 11

There is no intention to depart from the requirements of section 11.

Section 12

There is no intention to depart from the requirements of section 12.

Section 13

Compliance with section 13 is not required if compliance might detrimentally affect or prevent the exercise by the Bureau of its functions.

Section 14

Insofar as the Bureau is not exempted from the release of information connected with research by Section 33 and clause 8, Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 1989 (imported into the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act by s20(5) of the latter Act), this clause enables the Bureau to refer requests for information relating to individuals back to the agency from which the information was originally obtained to seek that information.

Section 15

Compliance with section 15(1) and (3) is not required if compliance might detrimentally affect or prevent the exercise by the Bureau of its functions.

Section 16

There is no intention to depart from the requirements of section 16.

Section 17

There is no intention to depart from the requirements of section 17.

Section 18

There is no intention for the Bureau to depart from the requirements of section 18. However, section 18 does not operate to prevent other agencies from disclosing information to the Bureau if, in connection with the Bureau's

functions, the disclosure is made in response to a request from the Bureau for information or by arrangement with the Bureau.

Section 19

There is no intention for the Bureau to depart from the requirements of section 19. However, section 19 does not operate to prevent other agencies from disclosing information to the Bureau if, in connection with the Bureau's functions, the disclosure is made in response to a request from the Bureau for information or by arrangement with the Bureau.

Public Registers

Part 6 of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act does not operate to prevent the Bureau from obtaining, in the exercise of its functions, information, including suppressed information, kept on a public register by an agency.