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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 5 September 2022. You requested the following:

I'm wanting to find out if IRD actually shares information with other agencies such as (Police, MBIE, MOJ and CLAG groups). I've been told on numerous occasions that IRD doesn't share any information with any agency because the information. But there are laws allowing this such as the Privacy Act Principle 11 and via CLAG.

Information sharing at Inland Revenue

Inland Revenue does share information with other agencies however confidentiality is an important aspect of taxpayers' trust in the tax system. When considering information sharing from Inland Revenue to other agencies, strict processes are involved and the benefits to society must be clear.

Unlike most government agencies that may be allowed to share information under the Privacy Act, Inland Revenue is limited by a confidentiality provision in the Tax Administration Act (TAA) which overrides the Privacy Act. This means Inland Revenue is only allowed to share information with other agencies in accordance with an exception specified in the TAA or under an Approved Information Sharing Agreement (AISA).

Effective information sharing drives both transparency and public confidence in how public services are delivered and provides agencies with information to deliver better services. Government agencies that work together to share information follow a formal process to make sure the shared information is secure and protected and used for the right purposes.

Information about Inland Revenue's AISAs can be found on our website at: www.ird.govt.nz/about-us/information-sharing.

We also publish summaries of agreements that Inland Revenue has with other government agencies, including some of the agencies you mentioned in your request. These can also be found on our website at: www.ird.govt.nz/about-us/information-sharing/mous.

Publishing of OIA response

Please note that Inland Revenue regularly publishes responses to requests that may be of interest to the wider public on its website. We consider this response is of public interest so will publish this response in due course. Your personal details or any information that would identify you will be removed prior to it being published.

Thank you for your request. I trust that the information provided is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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