

Statistics Amendment Bill

Government Bill

As reported from the committee of the whole
House

This bill was formerly part of the Regulatory Reform Bill as reported from the Commerce Committee. The committee of the whole House has further amended the bill and divided it into the following bills:

- Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Amendment Bill comprising the enacting words, clauses 1 and 2, and Part 1
- Animal Products Amendment Bill comprising Part 2
- Companies Amendment Bill (No 2) comprising Part 3
- Conservation Amendment Bill comprising Part 4
- Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Amendment Bill comprising Part 5 and the Schedule
- Fisheries Amendment Bill comprising Part 6
- Friendly Societies and Credit Unions Amendment Bill comprising Part 7
- Radiocommunications Amendment Bill comprising Part 8
- Registered Architects Amendment Bill comprising Part 9
- this bill comprising Part 10
- Takeovers Amendment Bill comprising Part 11
- Unit Trusts Amendment Bill comprising Part 12

- Wine Amendment Bill comprising Part 13
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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

This Act is the Statistics Amendment Act **2012**.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent. 5

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106 Principal Act amended**This Part** amends the Statistics Act 1975.**107 Disclosure of individual schedules to other government departments for bona fide research or statistical purposes**

- (1) The heading to section 37C is amended by omitting “**to other government departments**”.
- (2) Section 37C is amended by repealing subsections (1) and (2) and substituting the following subsections:
- “(1) Despite section 37, the Statistician may disclose individual schedules to any person if—
- “(a) the information contained in the schedules is to be used by that person solely for bona fide research or statistical purposes in relation to a matter of public interest; and
- “(b) the Statistician is satisfied that the person has the necessary research experience, knowledge, and skills to access and use the information contained in the schedules; and
- “(c) the disclosure is not prevented by **subsection (2)**.”
- “(2) An individual schedule must not be disclosed under this section unless—
- “(a) the name and address of the person or undertaking by whom or by which the schedule was supplied are deleted; and
- “(b) every person involved in the research or statistical project has made a statutory declaration of secrecy (similar to that prescribed in section 21) declaring that the schedule or any information contained in it will be used only for the purposes of that research or statistical project; and
- “(c) the Statistician is satisfied that the security of the schedule and any information contained in it will not be impaired.”
- (3) Section 37C is amended by repealing subsection (4) and substituting the following subsection:
- “(4) Every person to whom individual schedules are disclosed under this section must—

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- “(a) use the schedules and the information contained in them only for the purposes of the research or statistical project; and
- “(b) comply with any directions given by the Statistician relating to the schedules and the information contained in them.” 5

108 New section 45A inserted

The following section is inserted after section 45:

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“(1) Every person to whom individual schedules are disclosed under section 37C commits an offence who knowingly contravenes—

“(a) **section 37C(4)(a)**; or

“(b) **section 37C(4)(b)**. 15

“(2) A person who commits an offence against **subsection (1)** is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500 or, in the case of a body corporate, not exceeding \$2,000.”

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Legislative history

22 August 2012

Divided from Regulatory Reform Bill (Bill 269–2)
by committee of the whole House as Bill 269–3J
