

Recommendations from the Privacy Commissioner's review regarding the Private Investigation Industry.

We detail below the extracts from page 222 and page 224-231. Whilst the Privacy Commissioner adequately covered our main concerns there was no positive decision made.

We have to look at the problem and it is as follows: The Privacy Commissioner is charged with protecting the Privacy of people and the information collected by Public entities and private and public businesses.

There is no room for any other consideration as can be seen from the information on pages 224-231. The concerns of the AIPD can be dismissed on the basis of the problem is transferred to other departments such as Justice and Law Enforcement, (this will take an inordinate amount of time to again be reviewed) and the Attorney-General's department.

We pointed out to the Commissioner in our letter dated 14th March 2005 that the problem with the area's of Justice and Law Enforcement was due to section 6(1), this was responded in her letter dated 1st April 2005 and we quote as follows:

“As you are aware, amendments to the Privacy Act, including any that may be recommended in the review report, are matters for Government to consider. In the interim, if you wish to raise the Institute's concerns directly with the relevant Government department, you can contact Ms Janine Ward, Acting Assistant Secretary, Information Law Branch, Attorney-General's Department, on 02 6250 5891.

In my previous letter, I noted that some of the issues you have raised may go beyond privacy policy, and relate to justice and law enforcement policy. These policy matters are also dealt with by the Attorney-General's Department, and you may wish to consider raising them directly with them”.

We sincerely hope that we are not getting on the bureaucratic merry-go-round but if it appears that way then we will have to take other measures.

If you have any queries or you want to support our endeavours please contact any of the executive as listed on our web site.