

OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER — APPLICATION PROCEDURES

4901. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General

I refer to the latest annual report of the Office of the Information Commissioner, which states at page 37 that the Information Commissioner considers there is significant merit in amending the *Freedom of Information Act 1992* to remove the legislative requirement for agencies to consult with officers where the agency only proposes to disclose non-exempt information about those persons, and I ask will the Government introduce a Bill to that effect this term?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

The Government is considering the Information Commissioner's views but has not yet finalised a policy decision with respect to the issue.