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Dear 

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), transferred to Inland Revenue from ACC on 29 November 2023. You requested the following:

Can government departments like IRD [...] list debts on credit reporting agencies through third parties?

Information Sharing with approved Credit Reporting Agencies

Since 2017, subject to certain criteria, Inland Revenue has been able to disclose unpaid tax to Credit Reporting Agencies. Inland Revenue's annual report includes the number of customers who have been reported each year. This year, no customers were reported and a total of 12 customers have been reported since 2017.

Full details of the provisions and process can be found on Inland Revenue's website here: www.taxtechnical.ird.govt.nz/general-articles/information-sharing-with-approved-credit-reporting-agencies.

Inland Revenue does not report judgements in the District Court and High Court to credit reporting agencies directly; however, the Ministry of Justice makes these available.

Publishing of OIA response

We intend to publish our response to your request on Inland Revenue's website (www.ird.govt.nz) as this information may be of interest to other members of the public. This letter, with your personal details removed, will be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the OIA's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of officials.

Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely



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