



NOTICE OF A DATA MATCHING PROGRAMME

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) will provide the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) with names, addresses and other details of visa holders, their sponsors and migration agents for the 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years.

The data items that will be provided are:

- Address history for visa applicants and sponsors
- Contact history for visa applicants and sponsors
- All visa grants
- Visa grant status by point in time
- All migration agents
- Address history for migration agents
- Contact history for migration agents
- All international travel movements undertaken by visa holders (arrivals and departures)
- Sponsor details (subclass 457 visa)
- Education providers (educational institution where the student visa holder intends to undertake their study) and
- Visa subclass code and descriptor.

It is estimated that records relating to approximately 1,000,000 individuals will be provided.

These records will be electronically matched by the ATO with certain sections of their data holdings to identify non-compliance with registration, lodgement, reporting and payment obligations under taxation laws.

The purpose of this data matching programme is to ensure that taxpayers are correctly meeting their taxation obligations. Its objectives are to:

- improve intelligence on the overall level of compliance with taxation obligations by visa holders, sponsors and migration agents;
- test the veracity and strengths of existing risk detection models and treatment systems and identify areas for improvement in the ATO's suite of compliance models and treatment systems;
- identify potentially new or widespread fraud methodologies and those entities controlling or exploiting those methodologies;
- assist in developing and implementing administrative strategies to improve voluntary compliance by visa holders, sponsors and migration agents; and
- ensure compliance with registration, lodgement, correct reporting and payment of taxation and superannuation obligations.

A document describing this programme has been prepared by the ATO in consultation with the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner. A copy of this document is available:

- at www.ato.gov.au/dmprotocols or
- by sending an email to SpecialPurposeDataSteward@ato.gov.au with reference to DIBP Visa Holders data matching programme.

DIBP complies with the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner's (OAIC) Guidelines on data matching in Australian government administration (2014) which includes standards for data matching to protect the privacy of individuals. For more information on the OAIC's guidelines see <http://www.oaic.gov.au/privacy/applying-privacy-law/advisory-privacy-guidelines/data-matching-guidelines-2014>.

A full copy of DIBP's privacy policy can be accessed at <http://www.border.gov.au/about/access-accountability/plans-policies-charters/policies/privacy>.