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Report on Risks to Confidential Information Control in the Public Sector

A report by the Corruption and Crime Commission tabled today highlights the significant misconduct risks in having weak and insufficient information controls.

The report concerns a former senior officer at the Department of Finance who downloaded confidential information from a computer system before leaving to take up a role in the private sector.

Although the Commission formed no opinion of serious misconduct against the officer, the investigation identified serious misconduct risks in relation to the policies and procedures at the Department of Finance aimed at protecting confidential information, and the Department's use of USBs, which may be applicable to other departments and agencies.

In response to Commission recommendations the Department of Finance has:

- reviewed and enhanced confidentiality agreements for their employees; and
- implemented a procedure to remind departing employees of their ongoing confidentiality obligations once they leave.

These are steps the Commission would encourage all public sector organisations to take.

The report is available [here](#).

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