

“It is troubling that, 25 years after the OIA came into force, many government agencies have still not recognised – and responded appropriately – to the fact that the legislation requires a programme of training for new staff and refresher training for existing staff from time to time.”

Office of the Ombudsman
Annual Report 2007/2008

“Department chief executives are responsible for ensuring compliance with the [Official Information] Act, and must actively ensure that adequate systems, information and training are available to relevant staff.”

Cabinet Manual 2001,
Para 6.13

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Official Information Act Privacy Act Protected Disclosures Act for Public Servants WORKSHOPS 2011

“Fully revised and updated for 2011, including rulings from the Ombudsmen and Privacy Commissioner, and recent Court decisions”

Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › 1 Day: Thursday 10 March Thursday 3 November
Venue	› Wellington Venue TBA
Description	Practical techniques for managing responsibilities under information legislation
For	All public servants including ministerial staff, policy analysts, privacy officers, frontline officers, legal advisers
Times	› 9:00 – 12:30 Lunch (provided) 1:30 – 4:30
Selected content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Introduction: Philosophy and history of legislation › Balancing interests – The Public Interest: accountability, participation, privacy, commercial, free and frank advice › How can you plan for openness, consultation and public participation in policy processes? › Dealing with difficult requesters › Managing your obligations: large volumes of information, charging, refusing requests › Conflicting obligations: reconciling the Privacy Act and Official Information Act › Review by Privacy Commissioner and Ombudsman › Applying the information privacy principles in the policy process › What personal information does Government really need? › Protected Disclosures Act 2000 – its effect in the workplace
Source material	Official Information and Privacy Acts Ombudsman’s case notes Privacy Commissioner’s case notes and Complaints Review, and Human Rights Review Tribunal decisions Regulations Review Committee Reports Practice guidelines, court judgements etc
Guest speakers	Subject to availability, the course will be attended by guest speakers from Office of the Ombudsmen, Office of the Privacy Commissioner
Presenter	› John Edwards
Cost	› \$550.00 (+ GST) per person. All participants receive a resource book drawing on material from the Ombudsmen, Privacy Commissioner and the Courts.
	<i>Unchanged since 2006</i>

What has the Law Commission said? What changes are coming?

About John Edwards

John is a practicing Barrister and Solicitor and has been working in public law and policy for 20 years. He has been on the staff of the Office of the Ombudsmen, the Privacy Commissioner, the Ministry of Health and the State Services Commission.

As a lawyer he has advised many public and private sector organisations. He has acted as a special adviser to a Parliamentary Select Committee inquiry, and was a member of the Ministerial Review on Whistleblowing. John began running training courses in 1994.

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