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Kia ora, welcome!

The Government want to hear your views about a proposal for government agencies to share information that may help tackle serious crime.

Currently, Inland Revenue is allowed to provide resources and expertise to certain enforcement agencies to help detect and prevent organised crime. However, taxpayer secrecy rules prevent Inland Revenue from sharing the information it holds with other enforcement agencies.

Sharing information between Inland Revenue and other enforcement agencies might be an advantage in dealing with serious crime. All agencies would still need to ensure safeguards are in place to protect people's privacy. We believe the right kind of information-sharing will improve cross-agency collaboration and contribute to the Government's goals of reducing crime and reoffending.

This site presents five scenarios showing how Inland Revenue could share information with other government departments and agencies to address serious crime, and invites

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your thoughts and comments. You can read the scenarios and make comments by using the links in the menu at the top of this page. If you prefer, you can <u>email a submission</u>.

You can find out more about this consultation and the proposal <u>here</u>. Research on the same topic is available <u>here</u>.

How or if the ideas set out in this consultation are implemented will be based on the feedback we receive during consultation. The ideas all illustrate the broad direction the Government is seeking for cross-government information-sharing to address serious crime, and they support the Government's vision for a safer New Zealand. We look forward to hearing your views.

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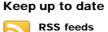
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Inland Revenue currently provides resources and expertise to certain enforcement agencies to help prevent and detect organised crime. However, taxpayer secrecy rules prevent Inland Revenue from sharing information with other enforcement agencies.

One of the aims of the Government's Better Public Services reforms is to ensure the public sector works better together across agencies to support New Zealanders, and is much more efficient. Last year, the Prime Minister set <u>10 challenging results for</u> <u>departments to work together to achieve</u> over the next three to five years. Two of these are about reducing crime rates and reducing reoffending.

Making better use of information gathered, and sharing information between government agencies, while still protecting people's privacy, is an important contributor to cross-agency co-operation and the Government's goals of reducing crime.

The Government proposes that Inland Revenue may share information with other enforcement agencies where it might be an advantage in dealing with serious crime. Strict processes would be required to protect taxpayers' privacy. While Inland Revenue does not often come across serious crimes in its day-to-day business, it may sometimes

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see evidence of financial crimes, or crimes such as wildlife smuggling or drug offences.

Expanding the information Inland Revenue shares with other government agencies raises several issues. Confidentiality is an important aspect of how comfortable taxpayers feel about providing information to Inland Revenue. Inland Revenue also needs to focus on its core tax role. The Government is therefore considering information-sharing only if there are clear benefits to society. Under this proposal that means limiting information-sharing to situations that support law enforcement tackling cases of serious crime, such as:

- when the offence is committed by an individual and is punishable by imprisonment of four years or more; or if a similarly serious offence is committed by a body corporate which would be punishable by imprisonment of four years or more if it had been committed by an individual
- when there are reasonable grounds for the agency identifying the possible offence to suspect that a serious offence has been committed, is being committed, or will be committed
- when there are reasonable grounds for Inland Revenue to suspect the information it
 has is relevant to the prevention, detection or investigation of, or is evidence of, a
 serious offence that has been committed, is being committed, or will be committed
- · when Inland Revenue is satisfied that:
 - -the information is readily available within Inland Revenue
 - -it is reasonable and practicable to communicate the information
 - -it is in the public interest to communicate the information.

A diagram explaining the way requests for information could be made, and the information requested could be shared is available <u>here</u>.

This consultation is your chance to comment on the changes proposed and the controls you think would be needed. Read the five scenarios showing how Inland Revenue could share information with other government departments and agencies to tackle serious crime, then add your comments using the links in the menu at the top of this page. You can also, or instead, email a submission on the proposals

More information

This forum is a summary of the proposals to allow Inland Revenue to share information with government departments and agencies to tackle serious crime. You can download the full <u>discussion document</u> which works through these issues in more detail.

Research on the same topic, exploring public attitudes towards cross-agency informationsharing, can be found <u>here</u>. hurt by publicity - we're talking animals, reptiles and insects here, not humans.

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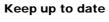
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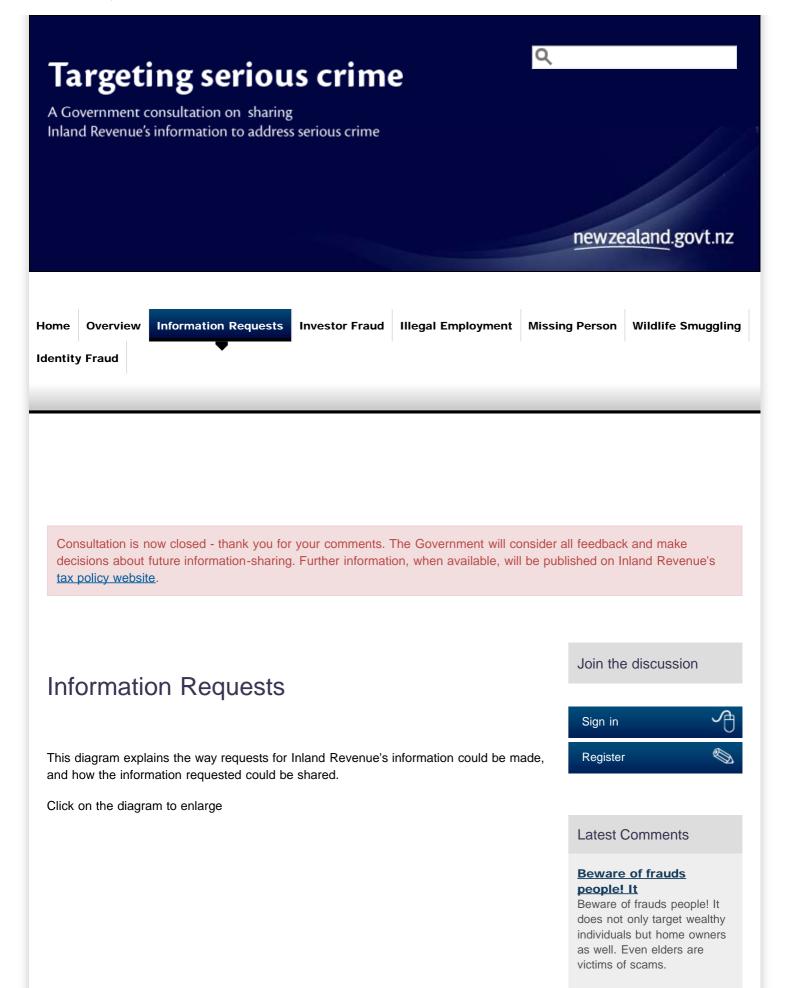
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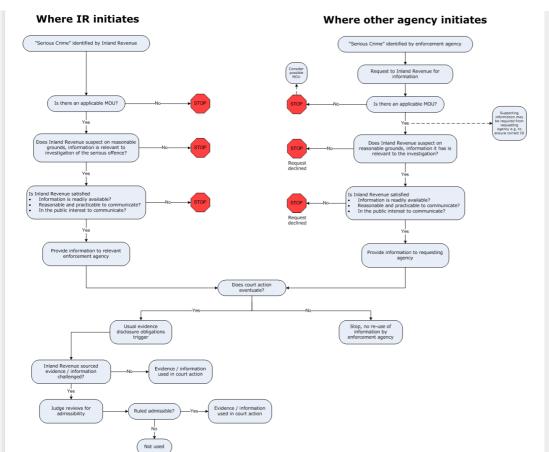
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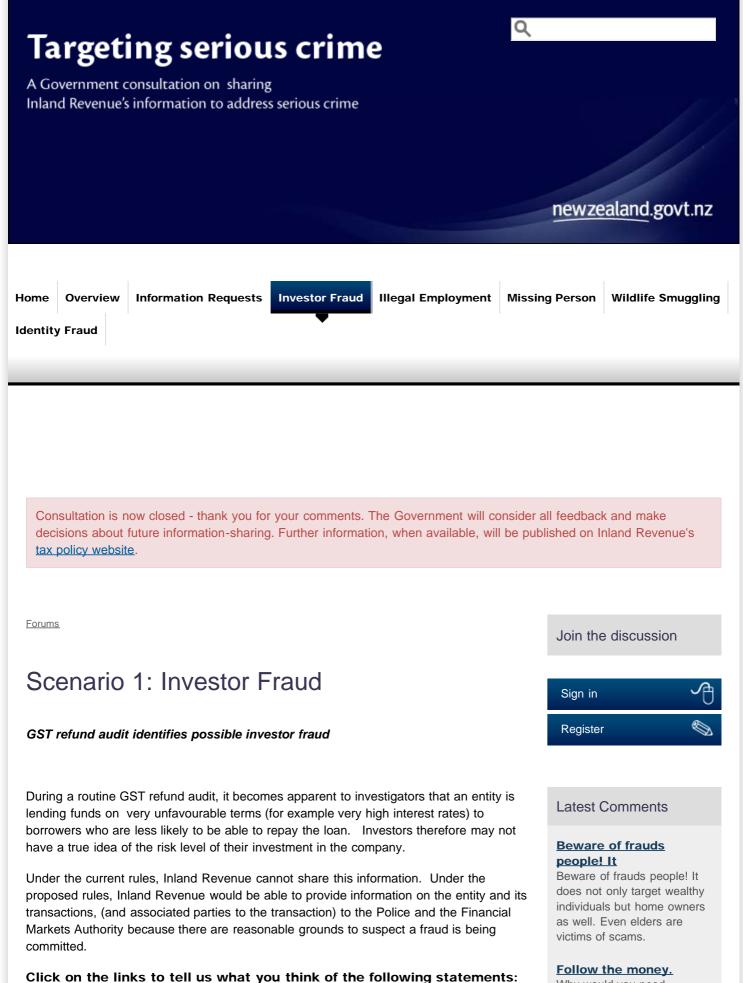
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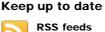
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Scenario 2: Illegal Employment

Providing wage and salary information to support investigation of immigration crime

Labour and immigration investigators at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment begin an investigation into individuals suspected of taking advantage of workers from other countries. This involves foreign nationals being brought into New Zealand under false pretences to work illegally for New Zealand employers in conditions that fall well short of minimum labour standards.

Under the current rules, Inland Revenue cannot share this information. Under the proposed rules, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment could request relevant wage and salary information held by Inland Revenue for these workers. This could provide crucial evidence to prove that employees' conditions did not meet minimum standards and that statements made to conceal the offending were untrue.

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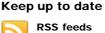
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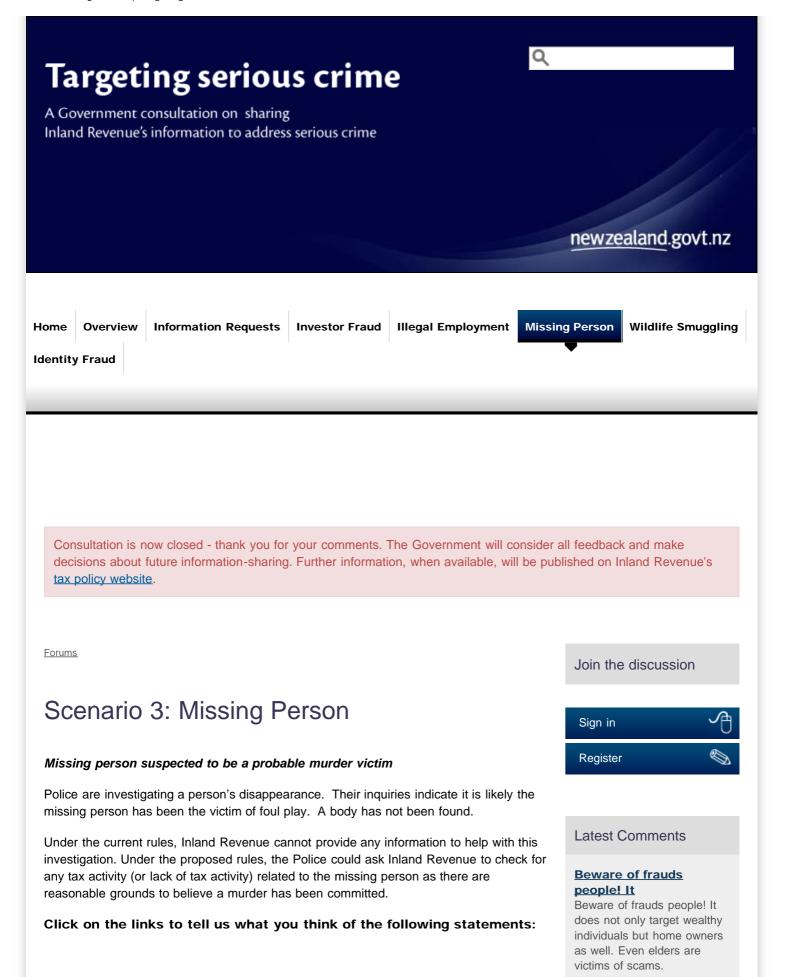
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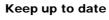
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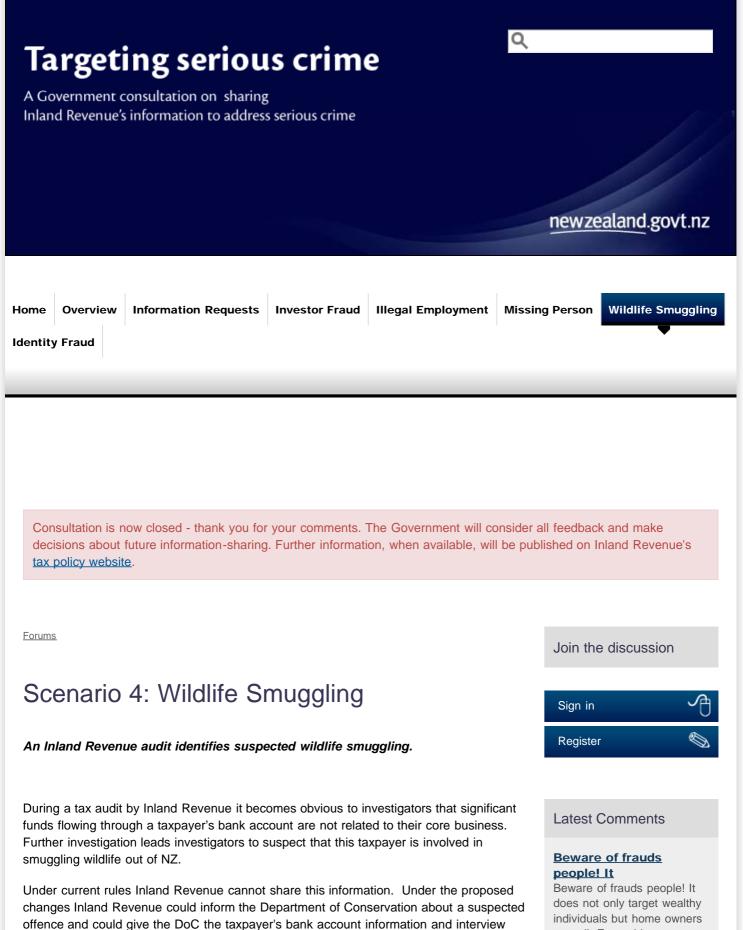
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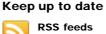
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Scenario 5: Identity Fraud

Investigation of identity fraud against Inland Revenue highlighting wider identity offence

Inland Revenue identifies an individual who has defrauded it using false identities. During the investigation of the individual, Inland Revenue discovers that the same identities have been used to perpetrate frauds against other institutions including banks, government agencies and retailers.

Under current rules Inland Revenue cannot share this information. Under the proposed information-sharing rules, Inland Revenue could inform the Police about the individual and provide relevant supporting information including a list of the other taxpayers and businesses who may have been defrauded.

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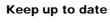
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GST refund audit resulting in identification of possible investor fraud 5 topics. 23 posts. Last reply: By heidianderson 4 months 4 days ago

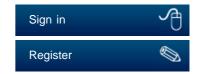
Scenario 2: Illegal Employment

Providing wage and salary information to support investigation of immigration crime 5 topics. 15 posts. Last reply: By noeliap 5 months 1 week ago

Scenario 3: Missing Person

Investigation of missing person suspected to be a probable murder victim 5 topics. 8 posts. Last reply: By GrantK 5 months 2 weeks ago

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Scenario 4: Wildlife Smuggling

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5 topics. 7 posts. Last reply: By kedge 4 months 3 weeks ago

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5 topics. 6 posts. Last reply: By oldk1w1 5 months 2 weeks ago

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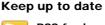
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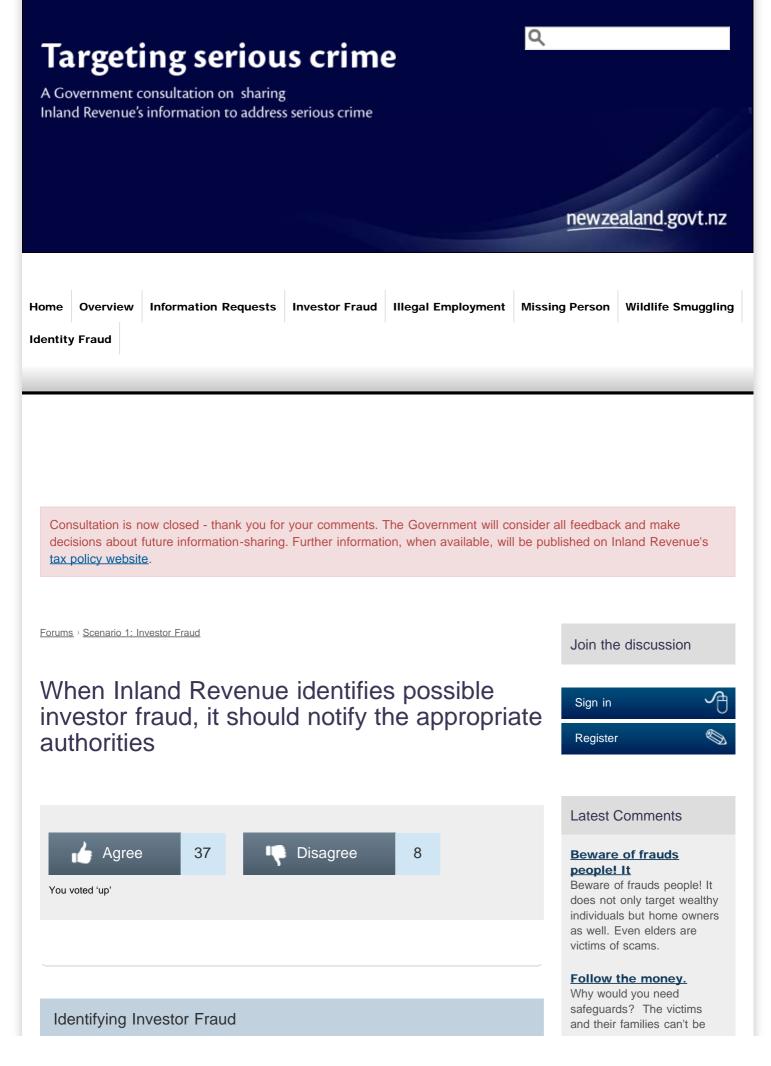
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Submitted by mrama on Tue, 09/04/2013 - 1:00pm.

One of the biggest issues here is the education, skills and ability for Inland Revenue to correctly identify a liklihood of a fraud risk existing. The example provided sounds more legitimate than fraudulent - there are lots of businesses that lend to companies and individuals where their creditworthiness is not good (i.e. there is a high chance the principal will not be repaid) which justifies the high interest rates.

This would require Inland Revenue to have a good understanding of the business first (which while is improving, has a long way to go). By asserting that a taxpayer is conducting fraud which turns out to be incorrect can be very damaging and costly (time consuming) to a taxpayer in defending the claim.

There needs to be a suitable framework or specialist (i.e. trained) area in Inland Revenue to identify the fraud risk. Also, the hit rate should be reviewed by another agency / external auditor.

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Submitted by uchiacon on Wed, 10/04/2013 - 11:32am.

It is not the IRD's responsibility to stop investor fraud. It is the responsibility of the investors and the appropriate authorities.

We cannot have incompetent IRD staff digging into every entities' records on the grounds they satisfy some kind of lending irregularities, regardless of whether or not they're legal.

Investor Fraud

Submitted by oldk1w1 on Mon, 06/05/2013 - 2:00pm.

It may well be, uchiacon, that IRD is the only place where a particular fraud or type of fraud can be identified.

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Submitted by kd700 on Tue, 07/05/2013 - 4:16pm.

People who cheat and defraud others need to be caught. IRD has skilled and competent auditors who deal with tax cheats all the time. I agree that additional good training is necessary to make sure IRD is using the limited resources it has on correctly identifying investor fraud and being able to pass that info on the SFO and other authorities..

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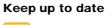
Submitted by kedge on Thu, 30/05/2013 - 1:37pm.

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Submitted by heidianderson on Sat, 22/06/2013 - 12:11am.

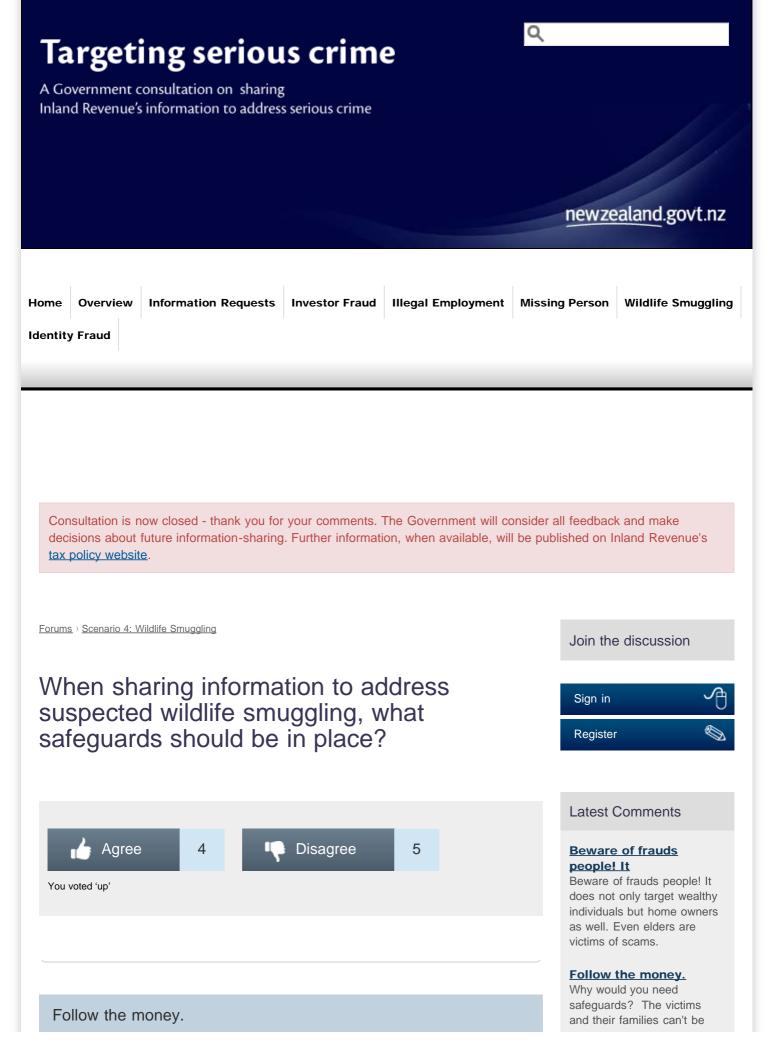
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Submitted by kedge on Thu, 30/05/2013 - 1:52pm.

Why would you need safeguards? The victims and their families can't be hurt by publicity - we're talking animals, reptiles and insects here, not humans. Would somebody declare income from abroad on their Return if that income came from illegal sources? Not likely! The information would have to be reliable - more likely to be a joint task force between the banks, customs and mall-based money transfer branches.

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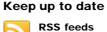
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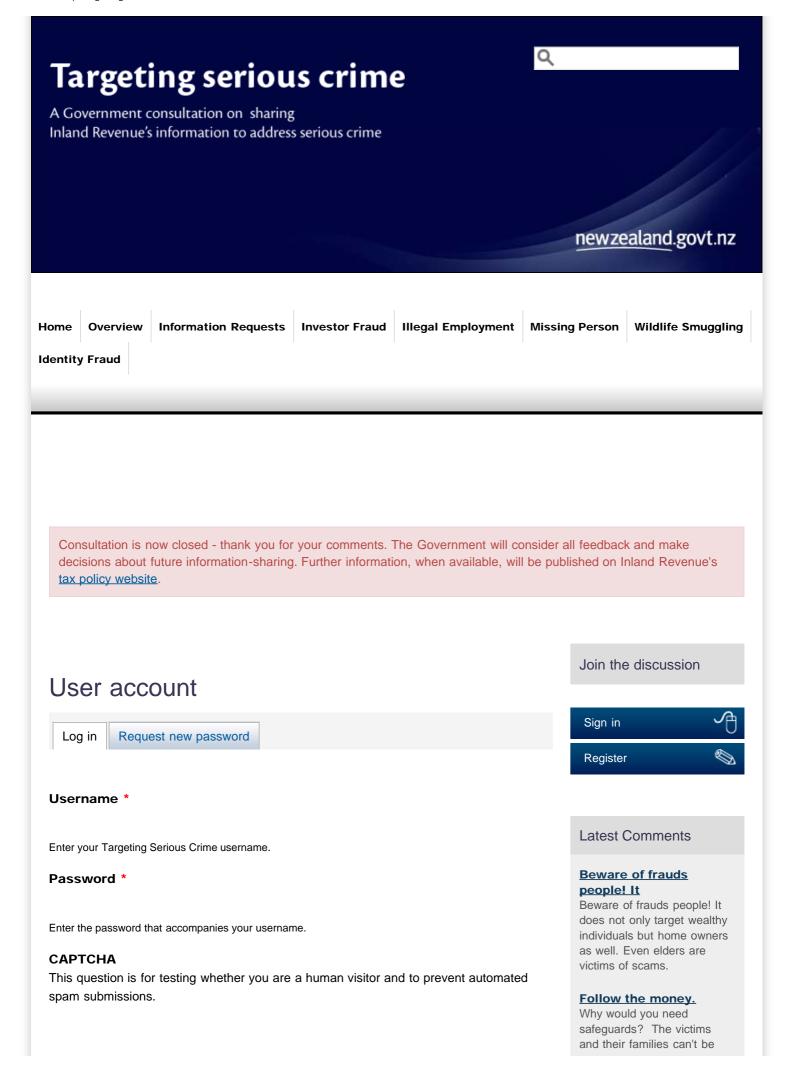
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About this site

This is a Government consultation about Inland Revenue sharing information with other enforcement agencies where it might help tackle serious crime.

It is a long-term project, and some of these ideas may take several years to implement.

The consultation is being run on behalf of the Government by Policy and Strategy in Inland Revenue.

Comments made, and votes recorded in this online consultation forum will be used to develop ideas about how to achieve the Government's goals to improve cross-agency collaboration and reduce crime and what safeguards may be required.

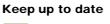
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This consultation forum is open until 21 May 2013.

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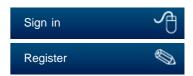
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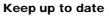
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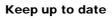
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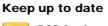
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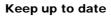
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This page explains the key terms used in this consultation:

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Information

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Integrity of the tax system

The integrity of the tax system is a concept that describes the key qualities of how the tax system operates and is perceived to operate. The integrity of the tax system is described in Section 6 of The Tax Administration Act 1994 as being the equal responsibility of all taxpayers and all government staff and its representatives. Further, Section 6 advises the integrity of the tax system includes:

- · taxpayers' perceptions of the system's integrity;
- · taxpayers' compliance with the tax system;
- · taxpayers' rights to confidentiality and fairness; and
- the responsibility of those administering the law to ensure confidentiality and fairness.

Non-compliance

Term used to describe the actions of a specific taxpayer or business. Non-compliance is when taxpayers do not fulfil their obligations to file returns and pay tax, or wrongly claim refunds or entitlements. Non-compliance can be deliberate – for instance, failing to pay tax - or accidental, for example, filing a GST return late so the response can differ. The term can also be used to describe the proportion of such activities within a given population. For example, New Zealanders have low levels of non-compliance.

Serious crime

This term refers to the types of crime for which offenders can be punished by four or more years in prison. These types of crimes range from the bribery and corruption of officials, to forging cheques and other documents, to money laundering, to importing and distributing drugs, to interpersonal violence and murder.

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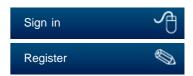
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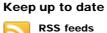
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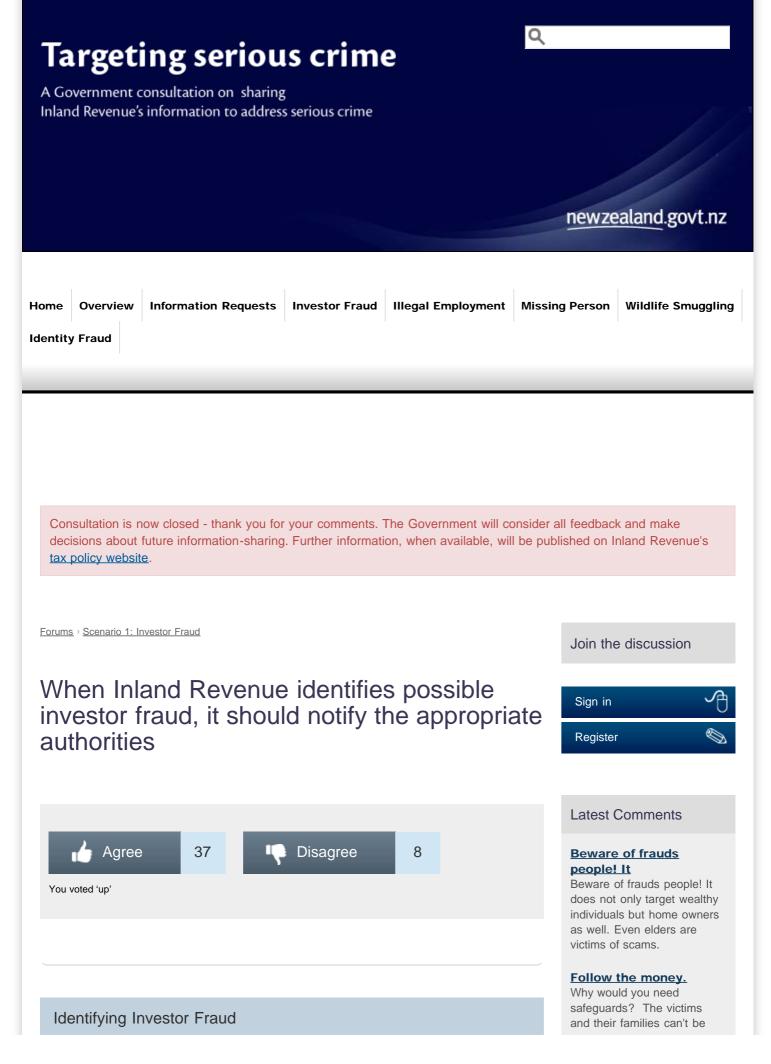
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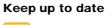
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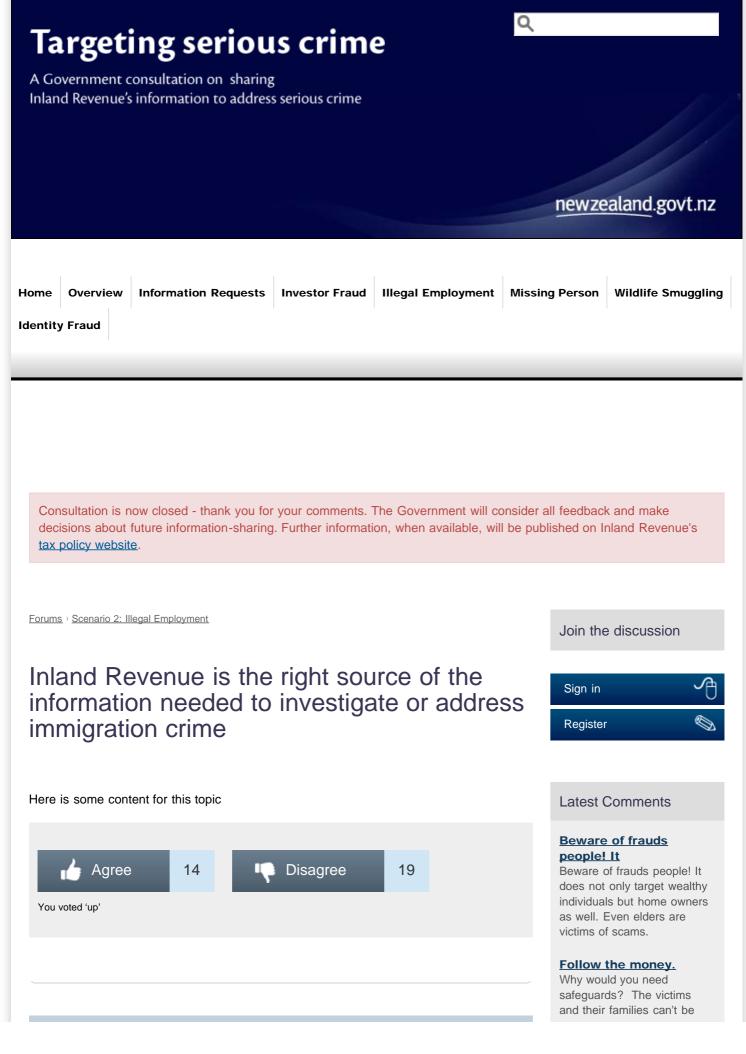
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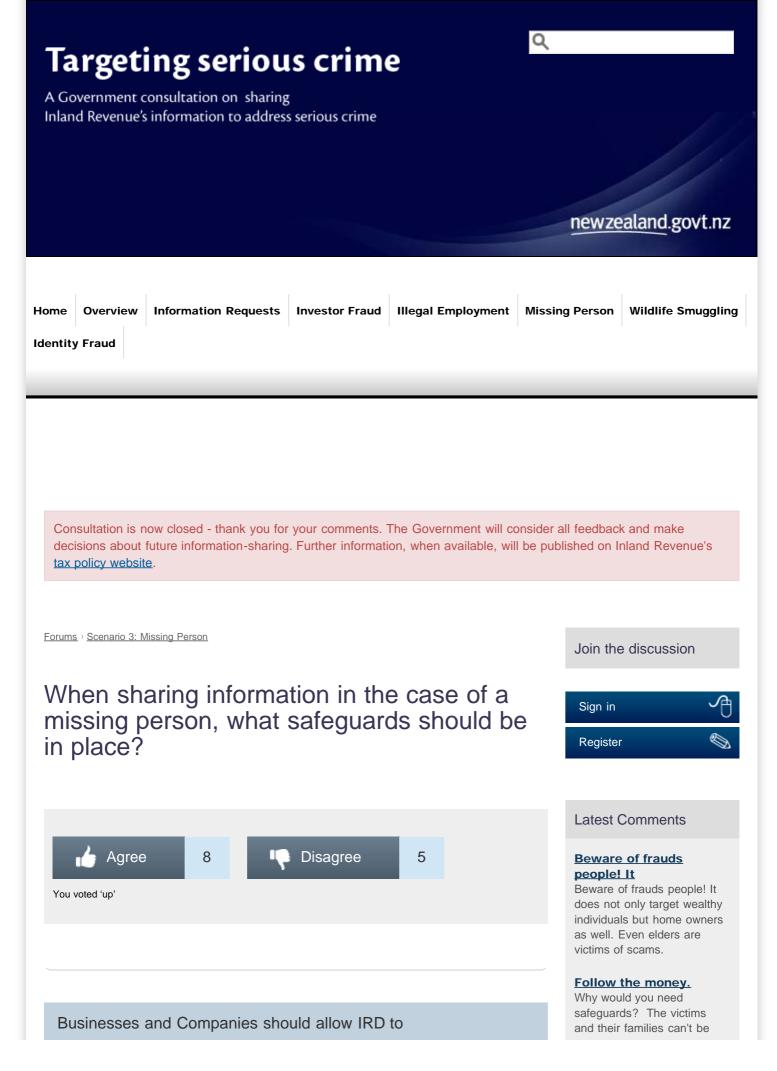
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Work files the investigated person/s have used

Work Phone Number

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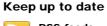
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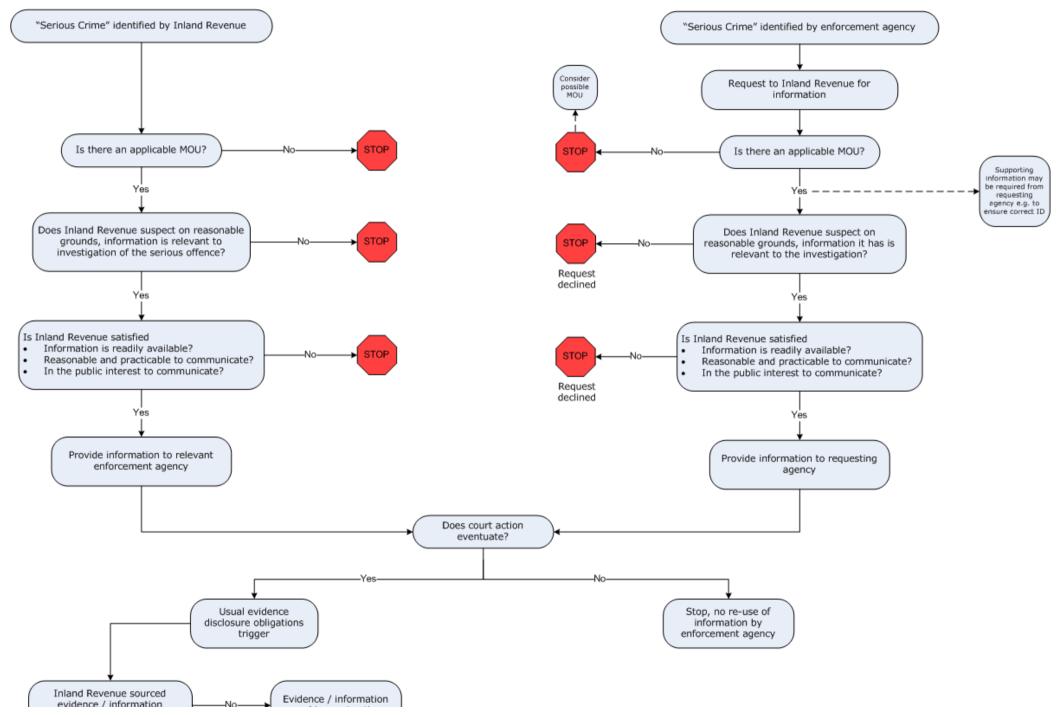
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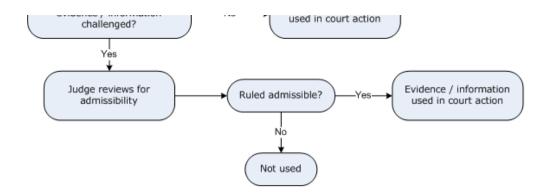
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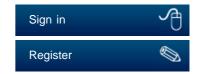
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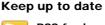
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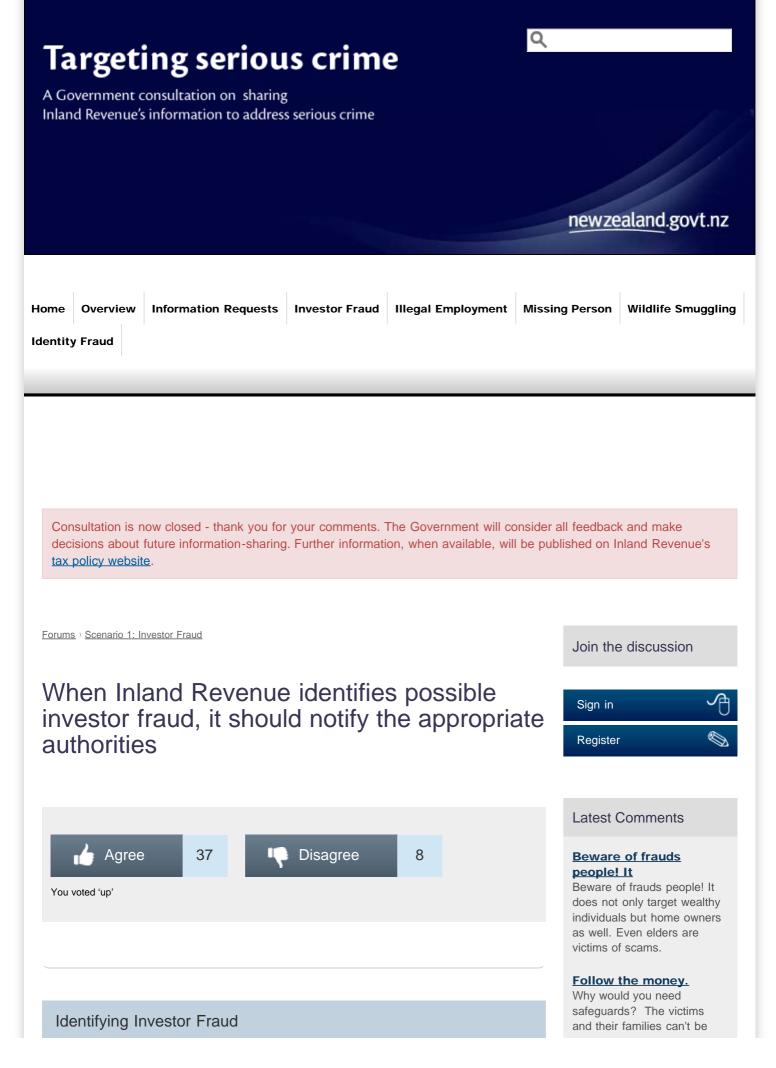
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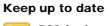
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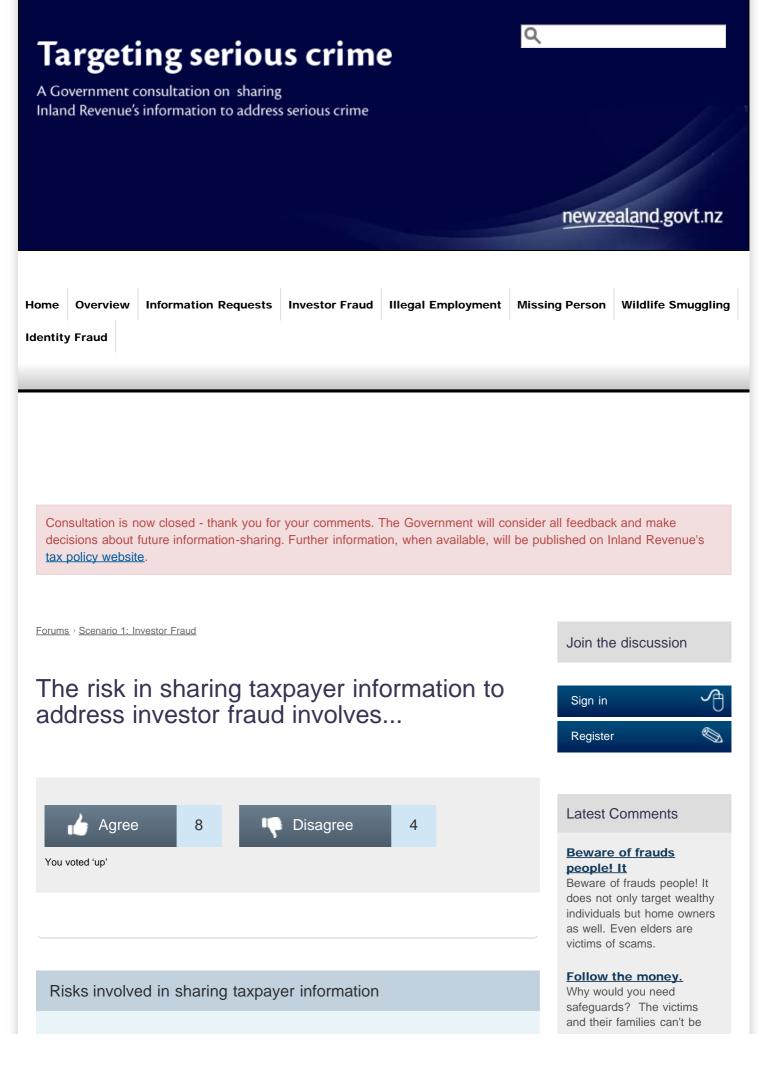
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Submitted by oldk1w1 on Mon, 06/05/2013 - 2:03pm.

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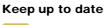
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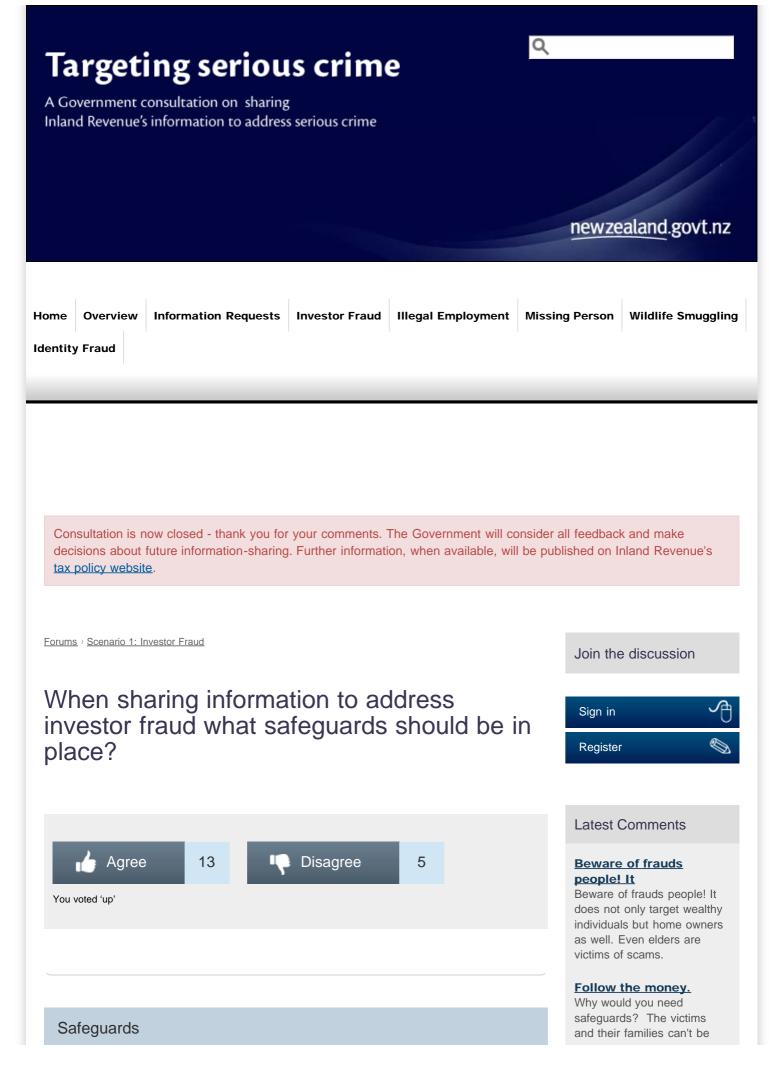
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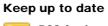
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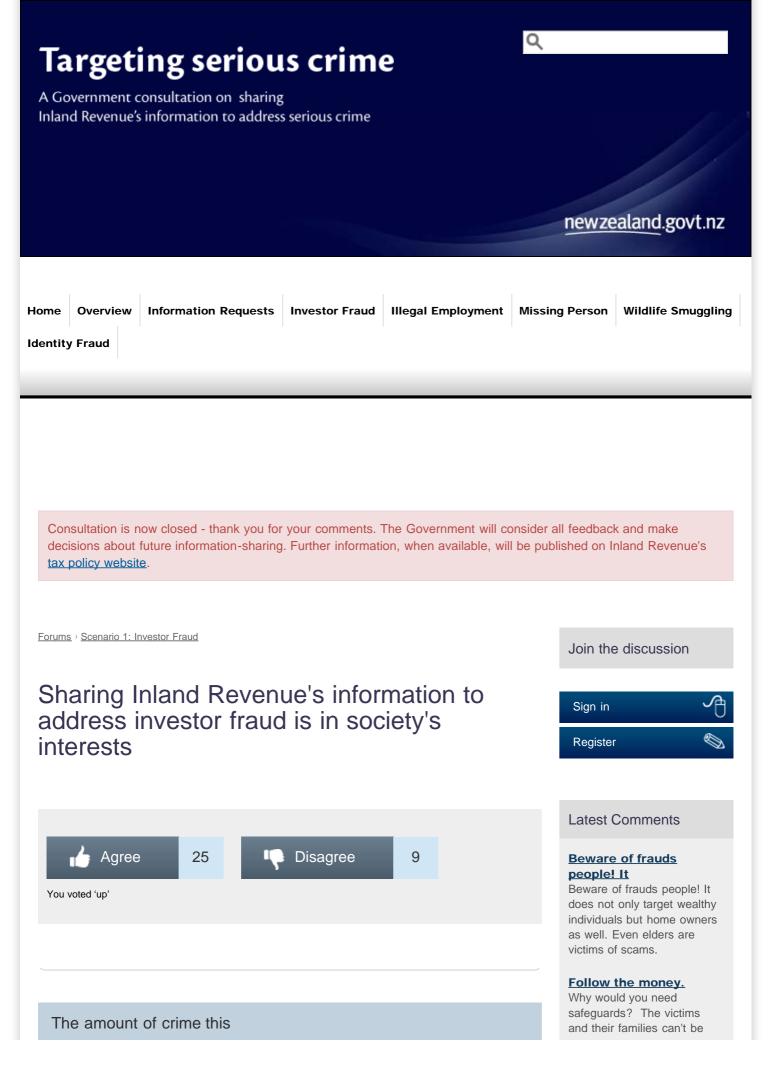
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The sole purpose of the IRD

Submitted by No Way on Wed, 10/04/2013 - 3:03pm.

The sole purpose of the IRD should remain as tax collector not crime fighter. Allowing IRD to share taxpayer information with other agencies is likely to have a long term detrimental effect on society's interests as it will erode public confidence in the integrity of the tax system and cause those businesses already acting illegally to not pay tax, which I believe some currently do.

This government was meant to reduce the intrusion of government into business instead it appears to be seeking to be more intrusive - using society interests as the scapegoat.

What a bunch of awful ideas

Submitted by dufuss on Thu, 11/04/2013 - 6:38pm.

All these ideas are a great way to undermine the integrity of both the tax system and trust in government in general. People will want to hide their affairs from IRD on the presumption that IRD can be trusted even less than they can be today. And if IRD, the bastion of confidentiality/privacy that it is supposed to be, wants to spread your

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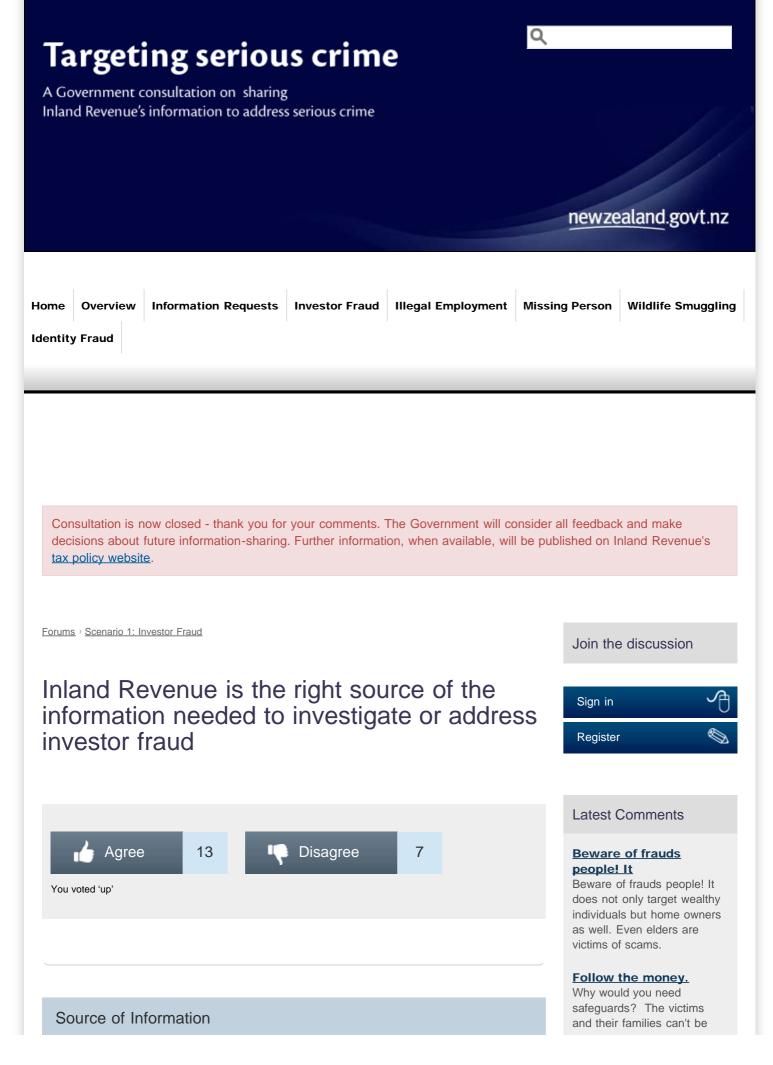
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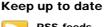
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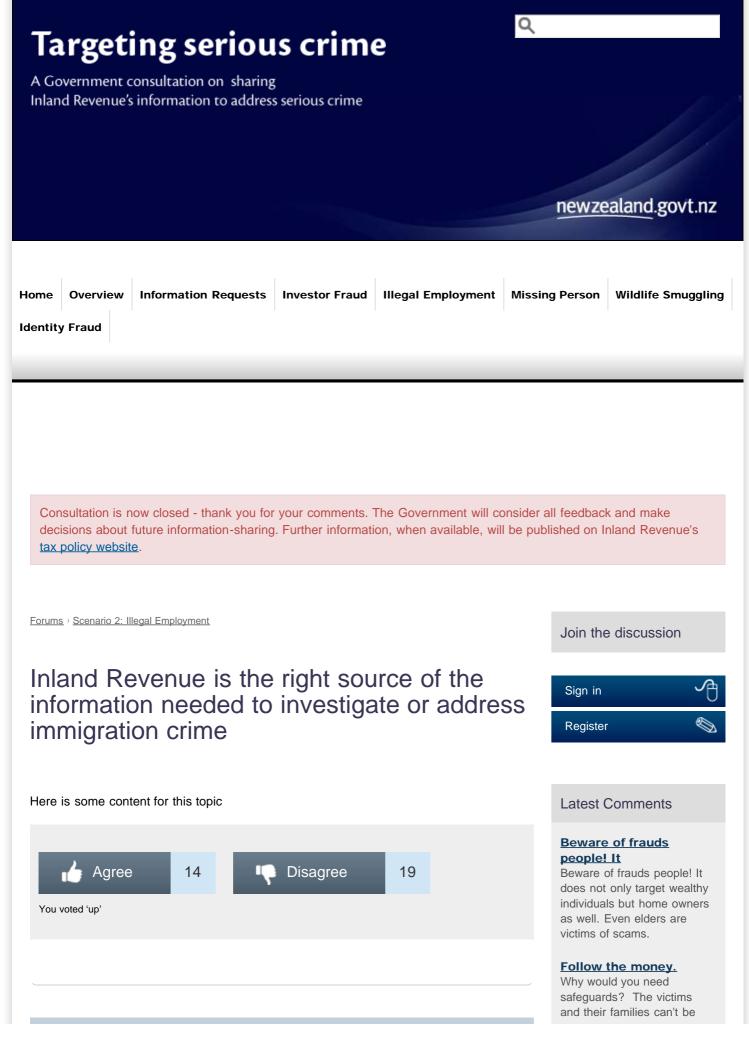
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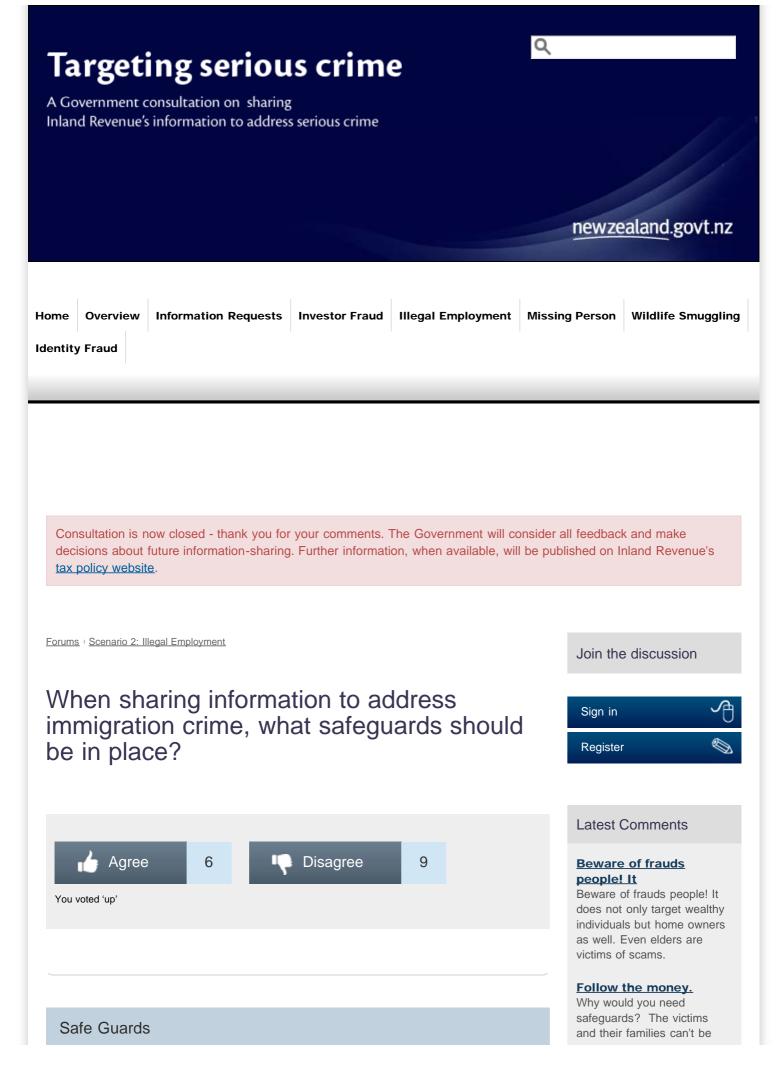
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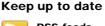
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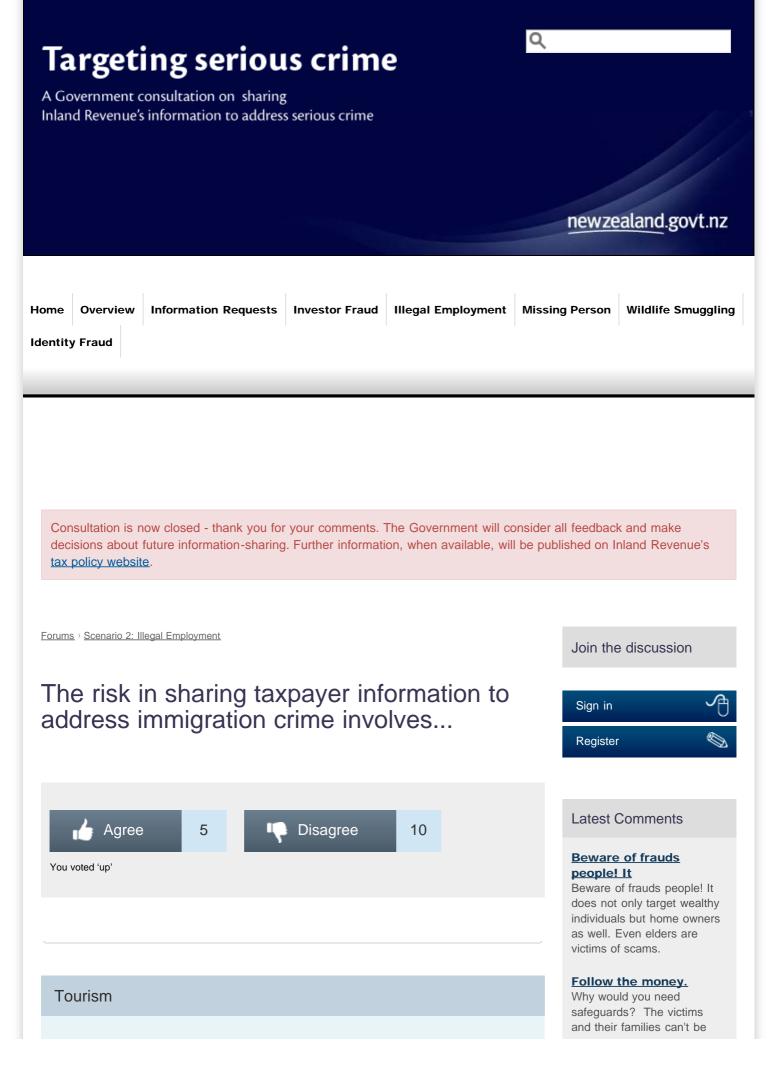
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Submitted by West Coaster on Mon, 15/04/2013 - 3:37pm.

Discouraging tourism giving NZ a ploice state rap!

Changing IRD from "inland

Submitted by jevon on Wed, 24/04/2013 - 12:52pm.

Changing IRD from "inland revenue department" to "crime-solving informationsharing department that also collects revenue" will guarantee that slightly-risky activity will never be reported, and the frequency of tax evasion will vastly increase. hurt by publicity - we're talking animals, reptiles and insects here, not humans.

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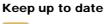
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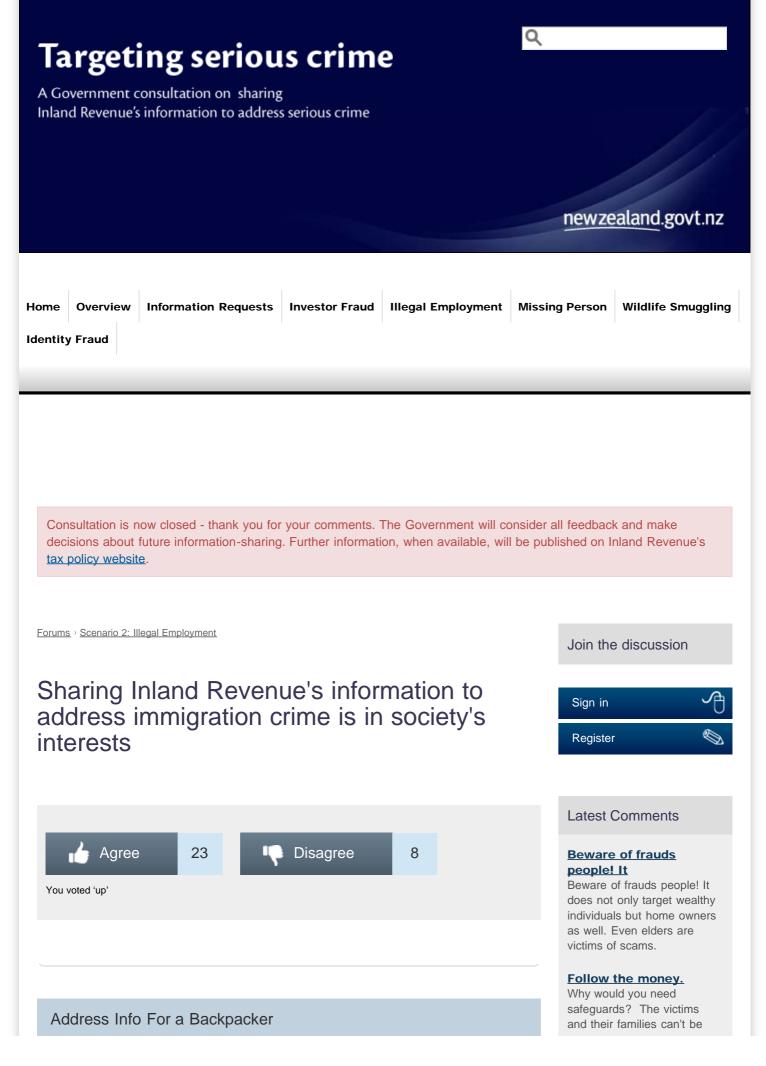
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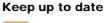
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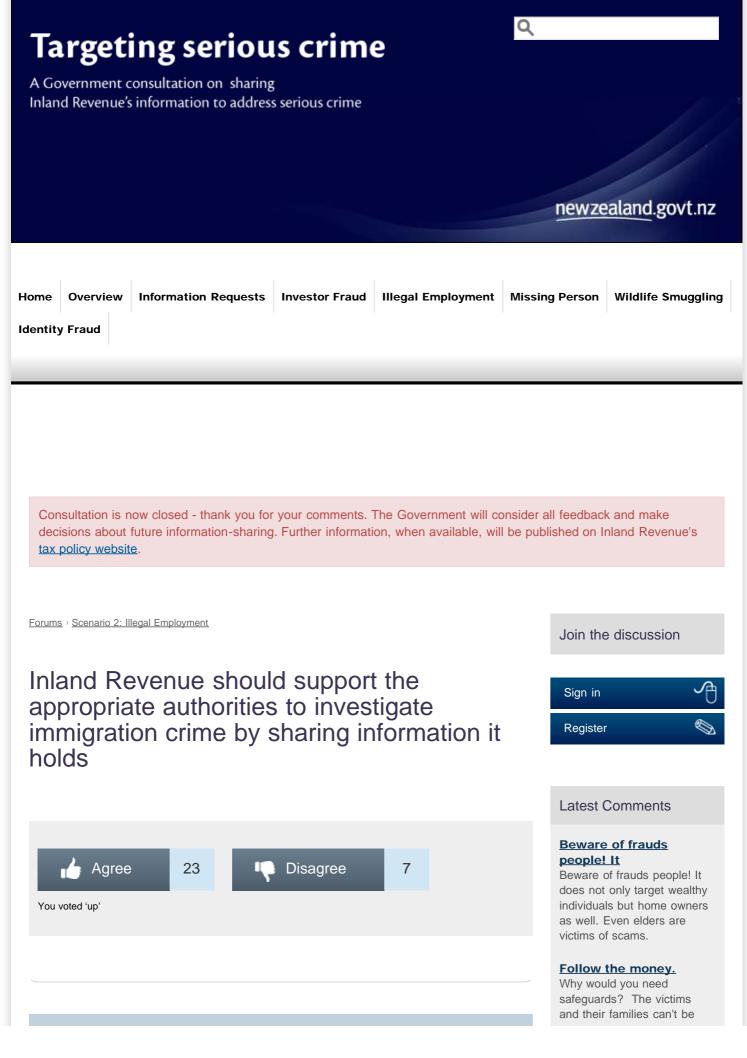
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Real World

Submitted by West Coaster on Mon, 15/04/2013 - 3:33pm.

So the businees in an isolated part of NZ gets a worker to get an IRD number and deduct tax turns out the worker should not be working? could be the employer doesn't know! Would this not encourage the employer to pay under the table instead!

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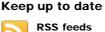
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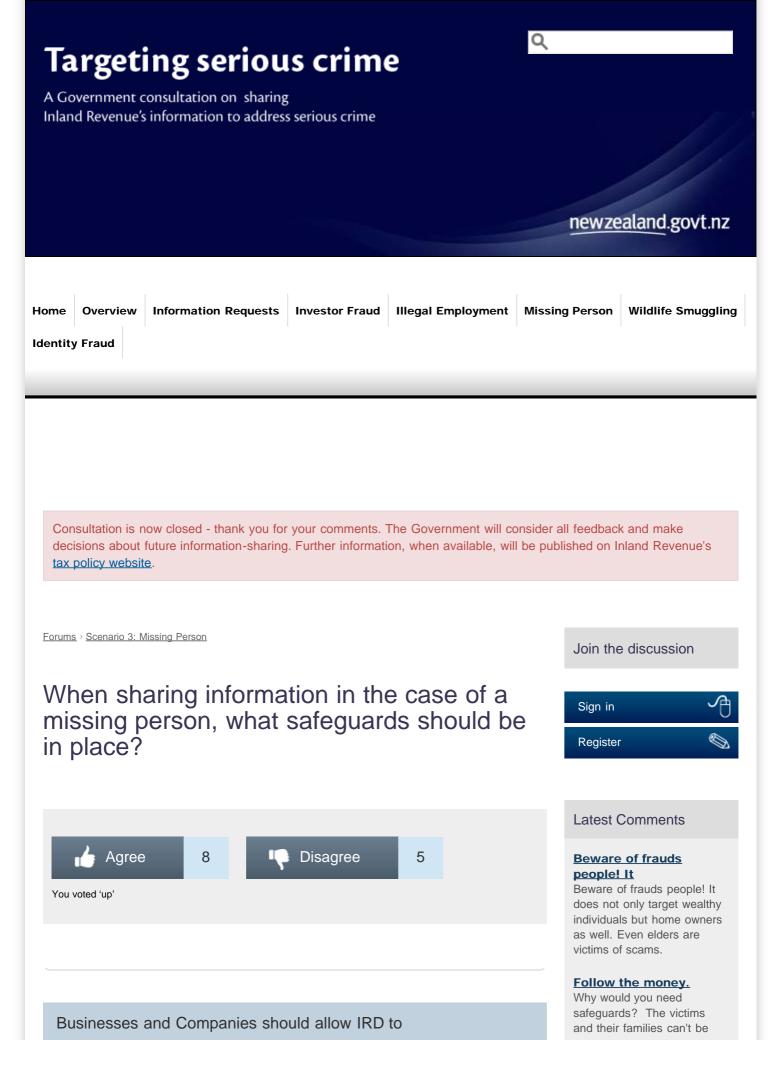
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Submitted by GrantK on Wed, 08/05/2013 - 11:23pm.

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Such info that coud be opened by the Company and Business could include for the Missing person and Suspects related to a Missing Person Case:

Work email access

Work files the investigated person/s have used

Work Phone Number

Extracurricular work activities such as work lunch location, person met with, and expenses of.

And pertaining to the array of jobs and inductries of NZ; any other Company / Business held information regarding the person/s under investigation.

In saying this there should also be a clause that protects the Company / Business -Any information released by the Company / Business is released for the case being investigated only and should not be used by the IRD and / or any other Investigation Parties for use against the Company / Business outside of the investigation. hurt by publicity - we're talking animals, reptiles and insects here, not humans.

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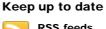
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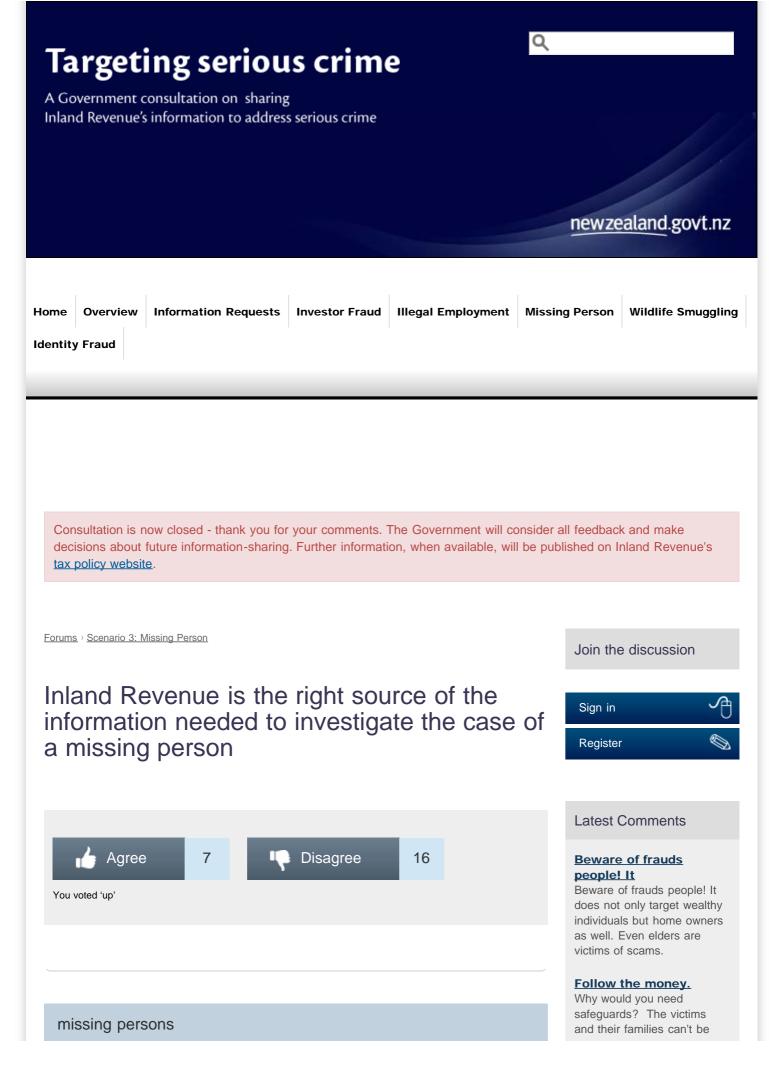
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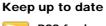
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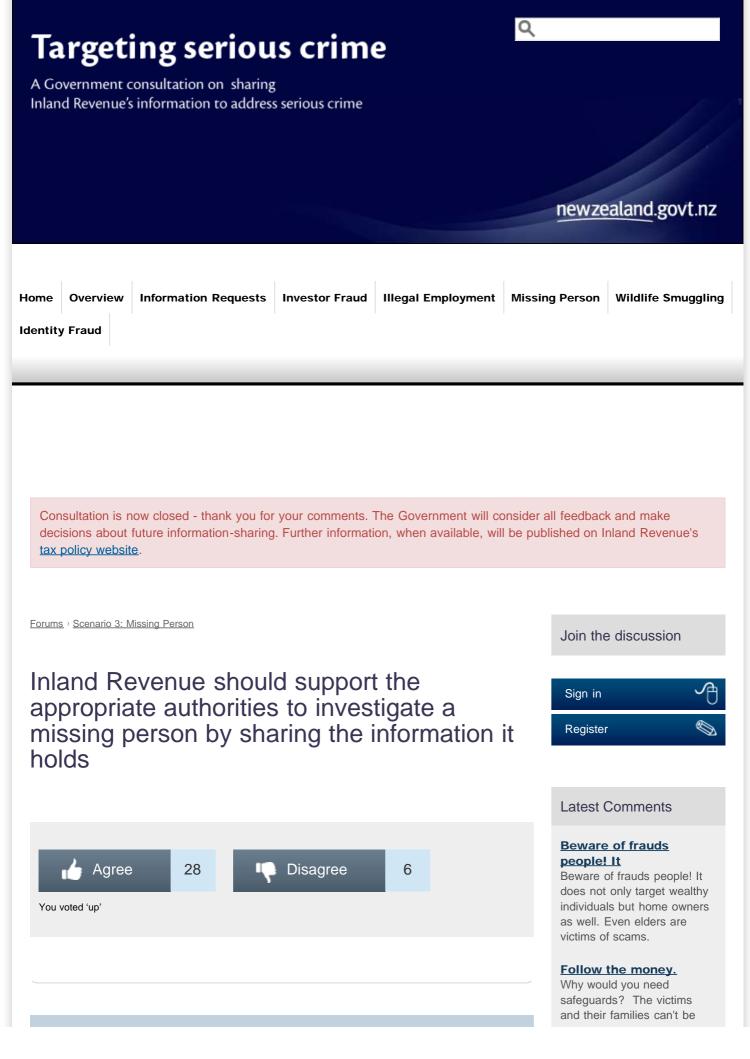
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Submitted by West Coaster on Mon, 15/04/2013 - 3:40pm.

IRD's info would be of little use as its so much out of date telecomms info, NIA and the bank would would be better....appaers IRD is going for the emotive with this one!~

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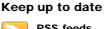
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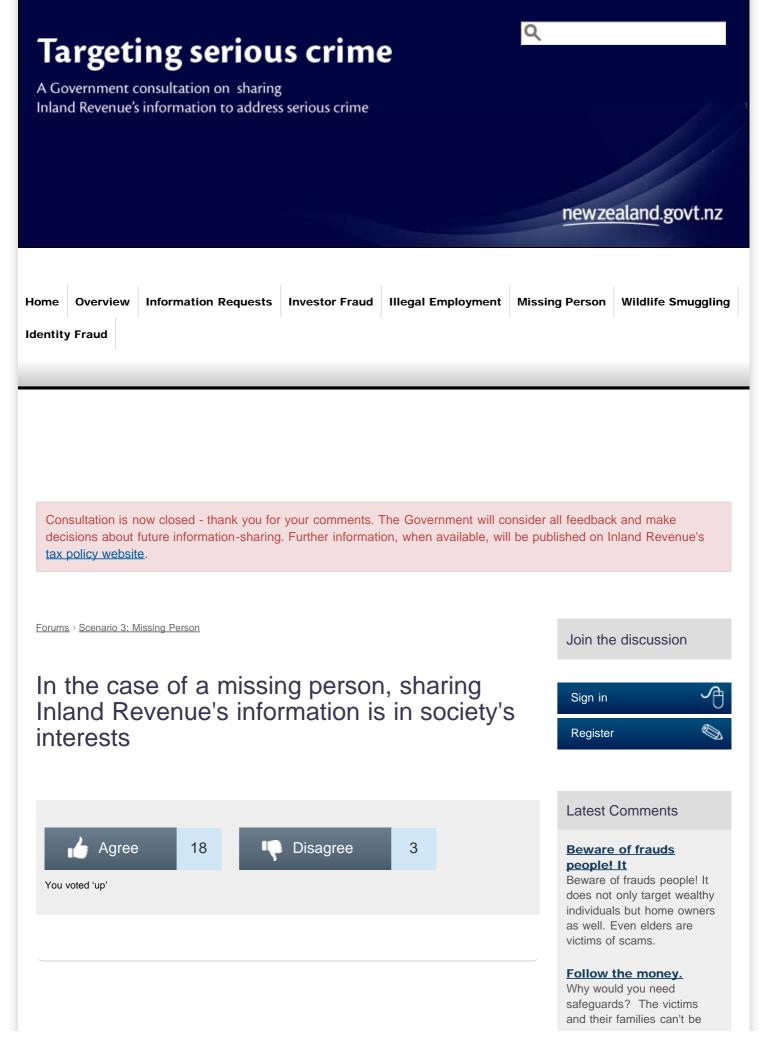
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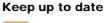
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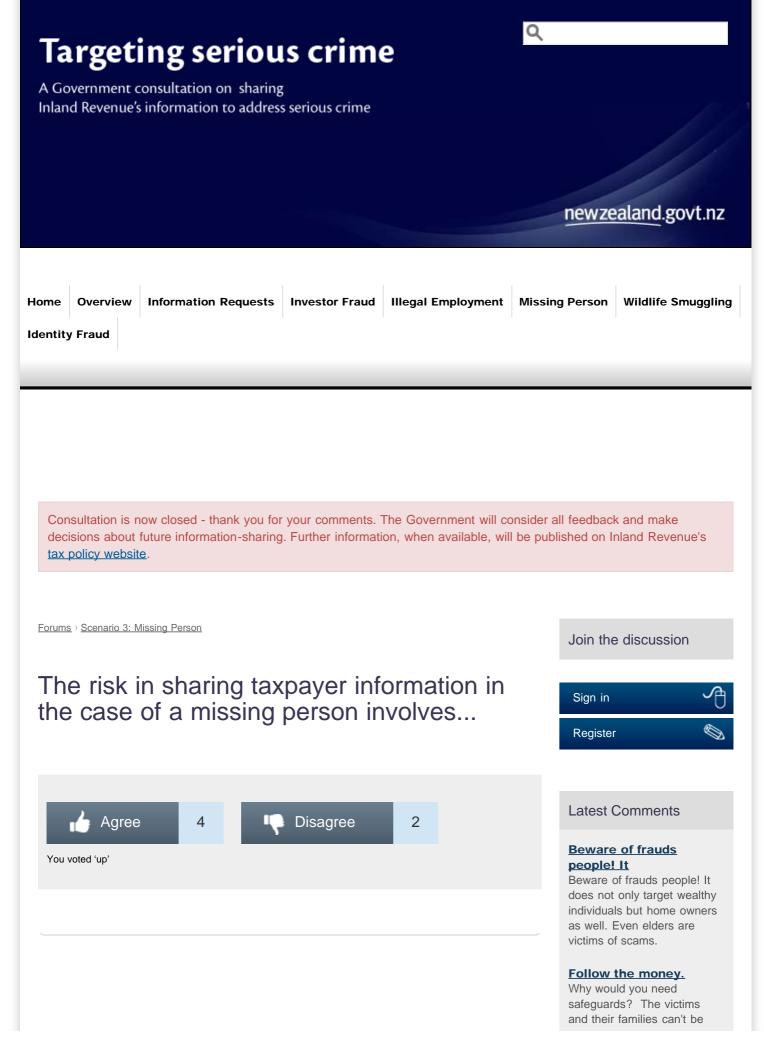
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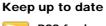
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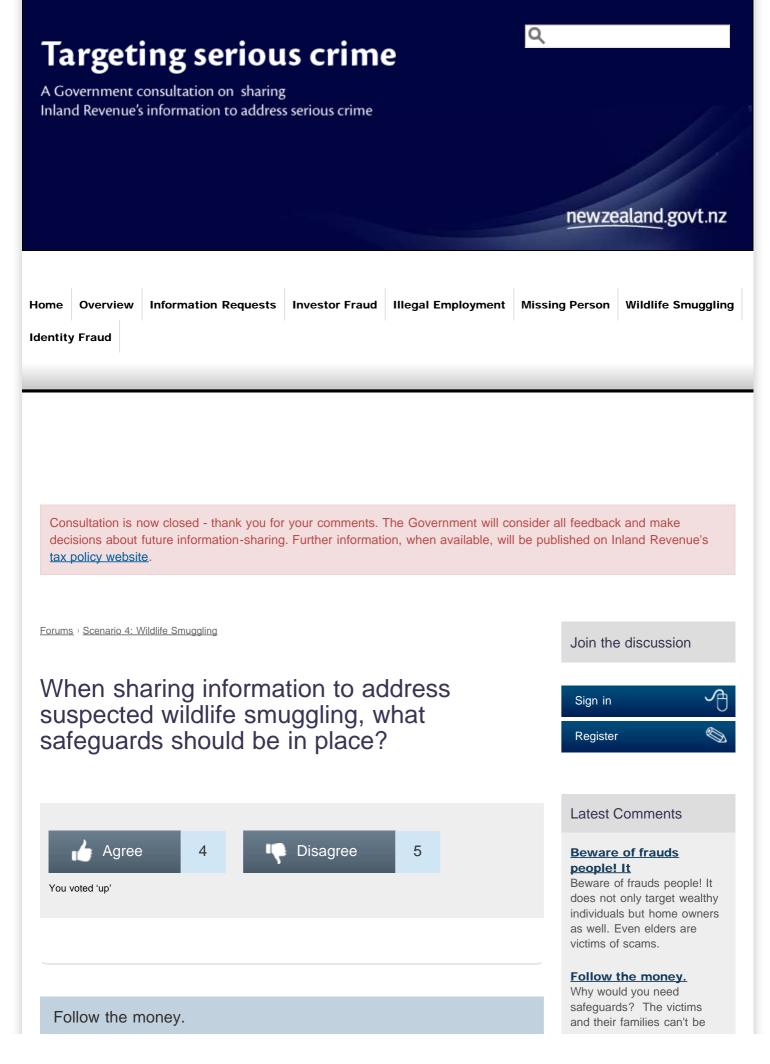
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Submitted by kedge on Thu, 30/05/2013 - 1:52pm.

Why would you need safeguards? The victims and their families can't be hurt by publicity - we're talking animals, reptiles and insects here, not humans. Would somebody declare income from abroad on their Return if that income came from illegal sources? Not likely! The information would have to be reliable - more likely to be a joint task force between the banks, customs and mall-based money transfer branches.

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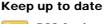
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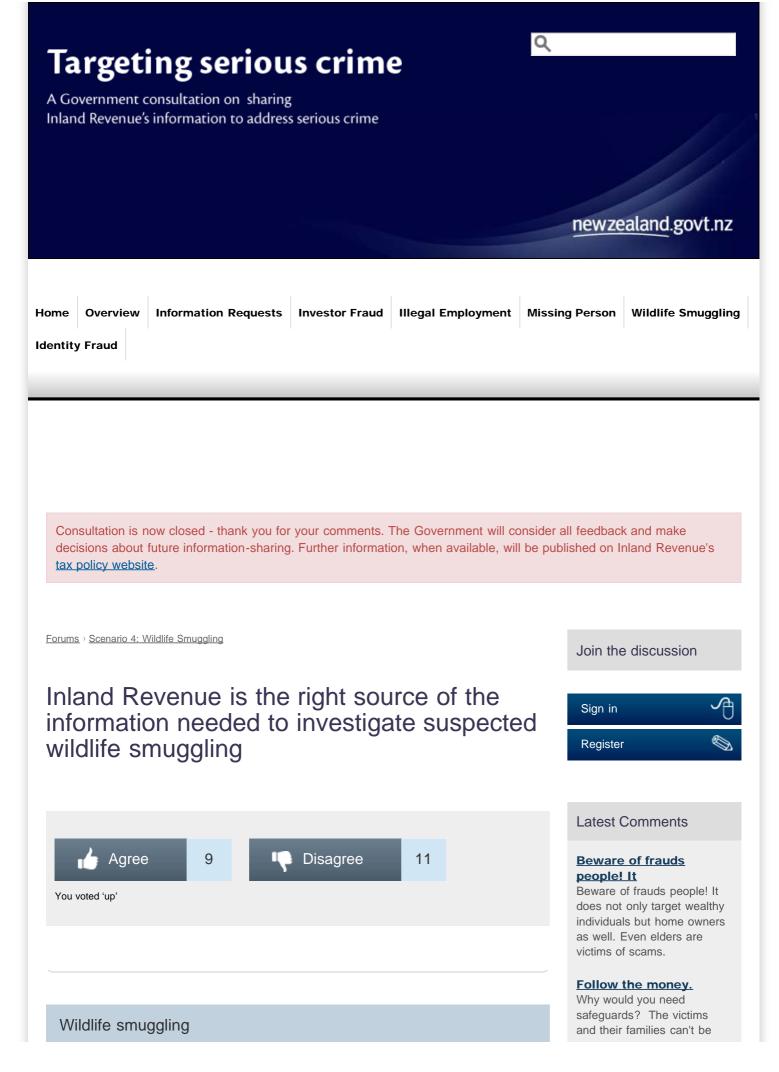
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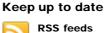
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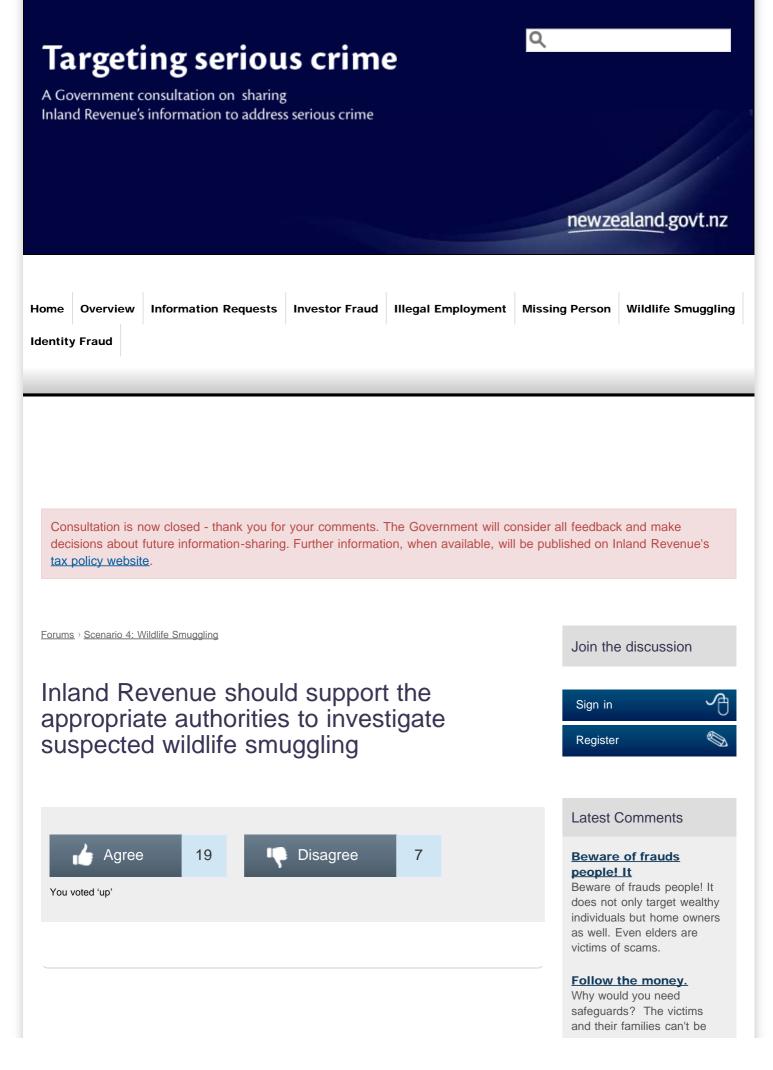
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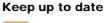
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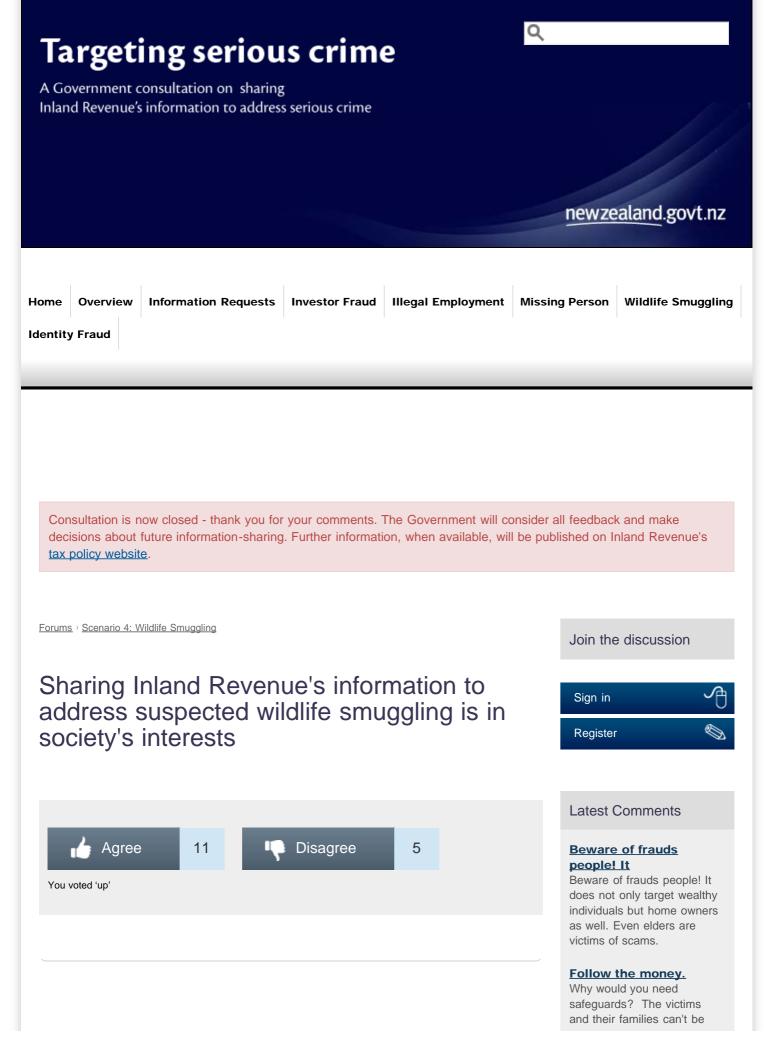
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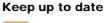
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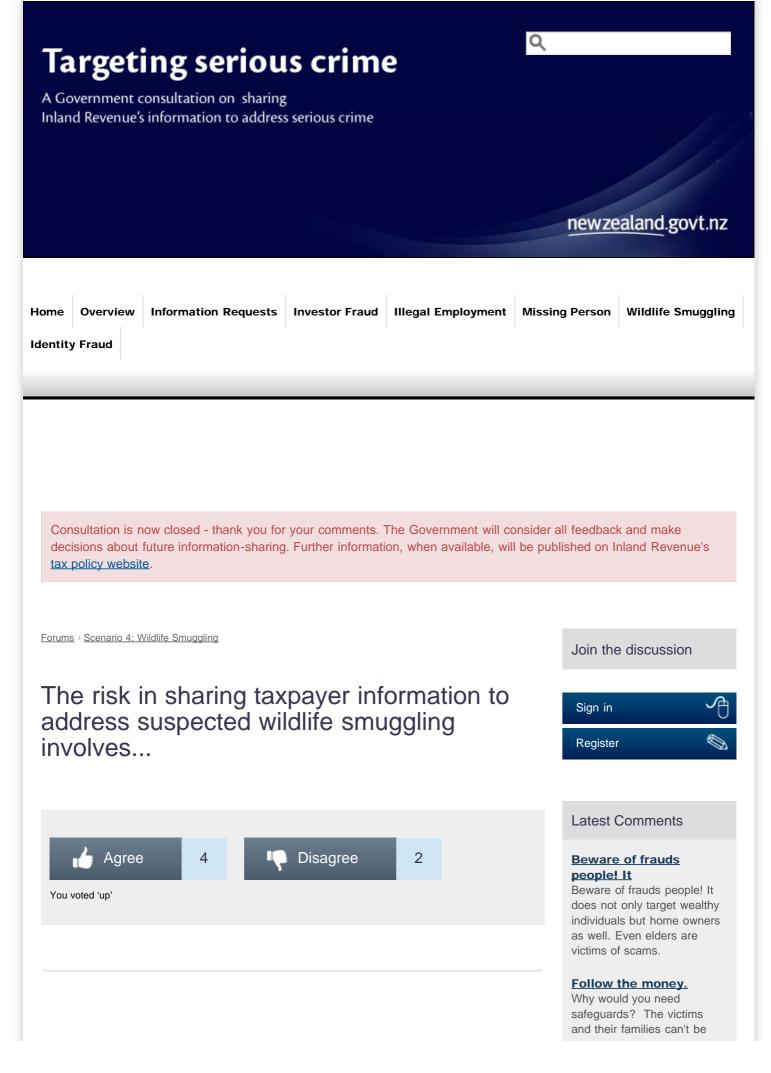
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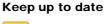
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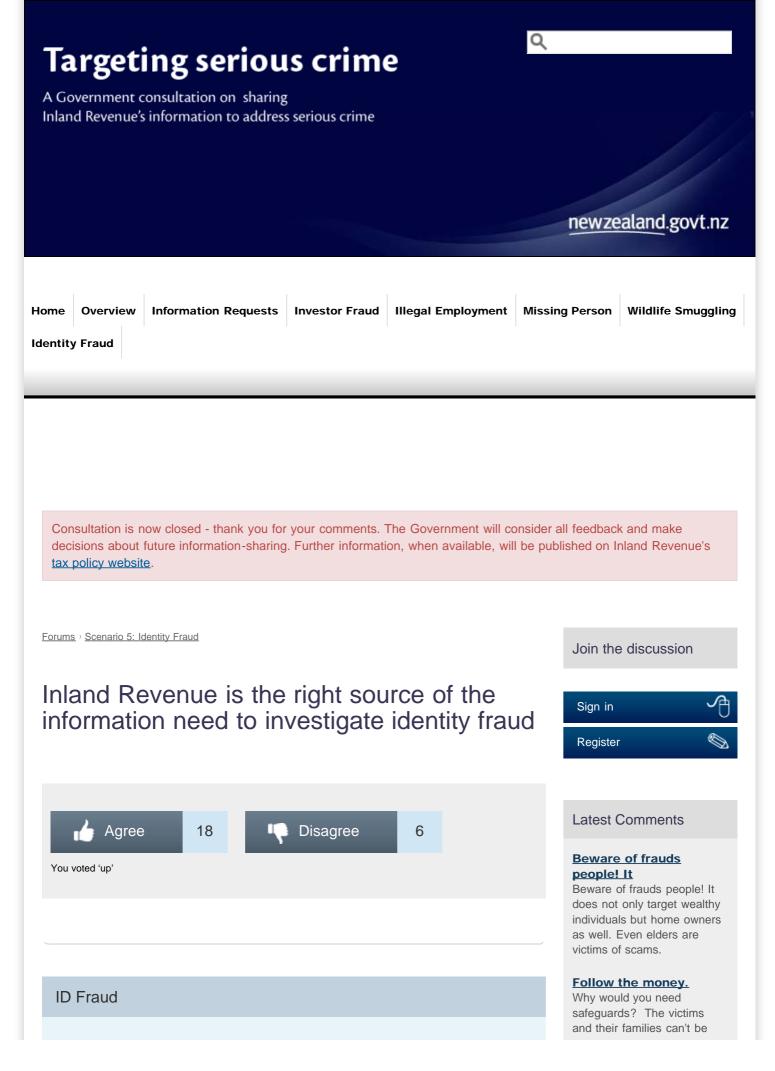
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Submitted by oldk1w1 on Mon, 06/05/2013 - 2:16pm.

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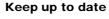
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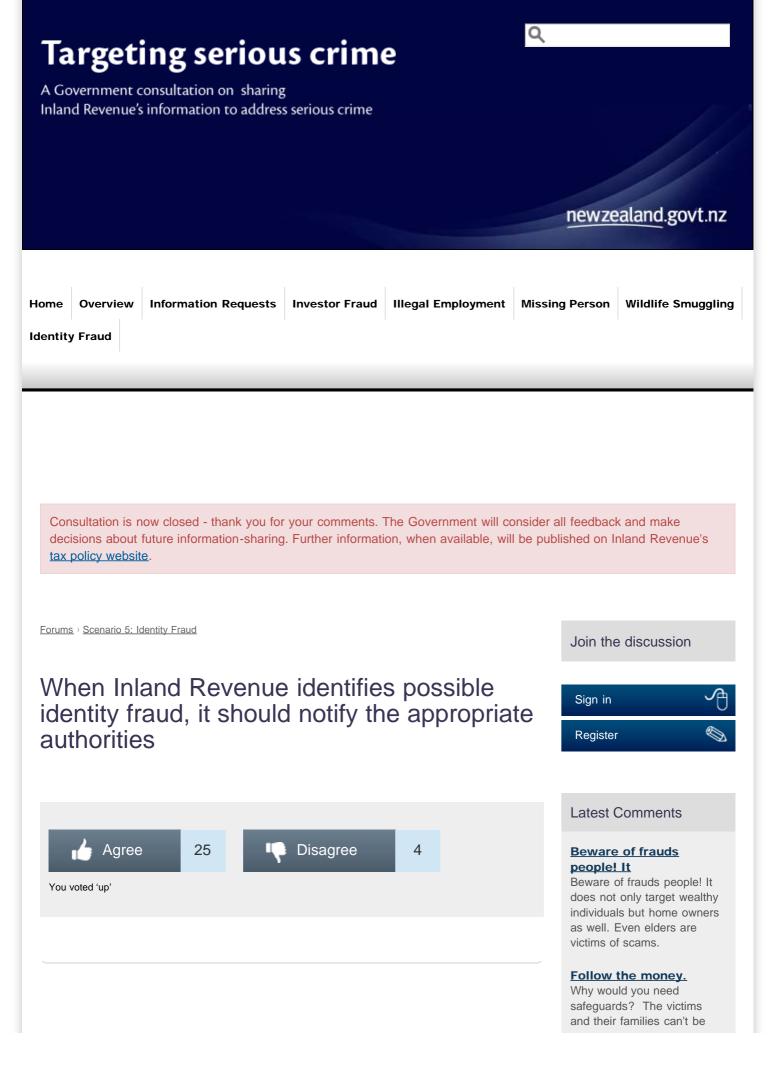
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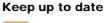
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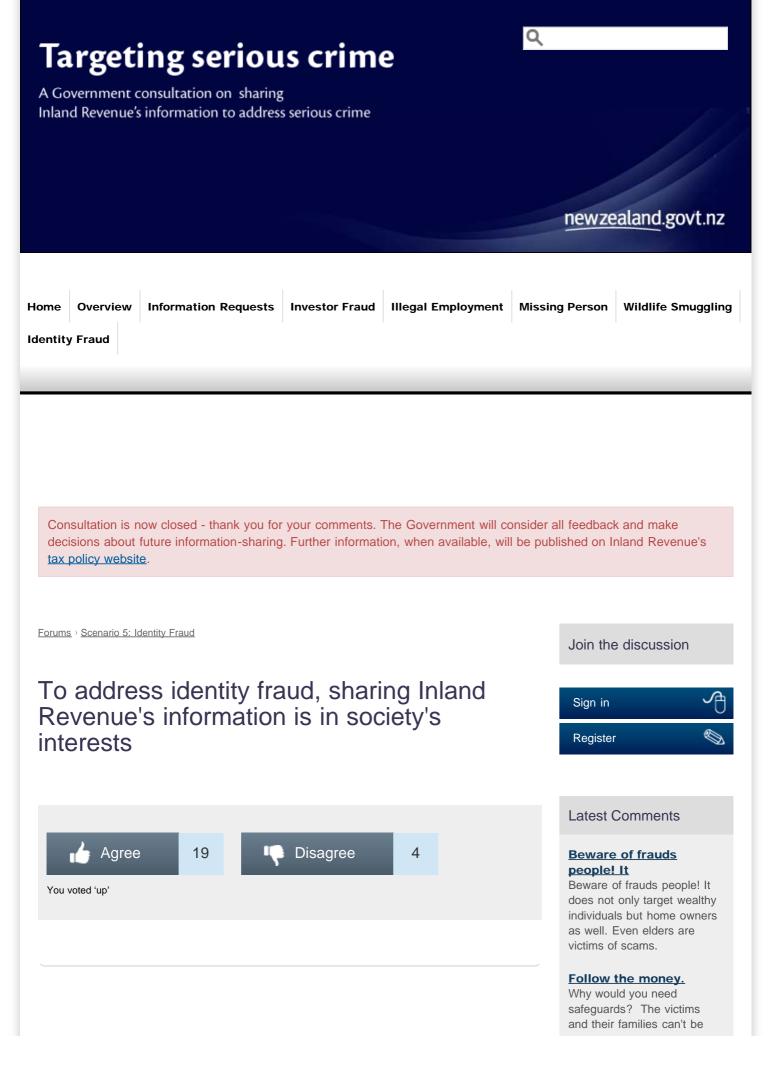
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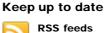
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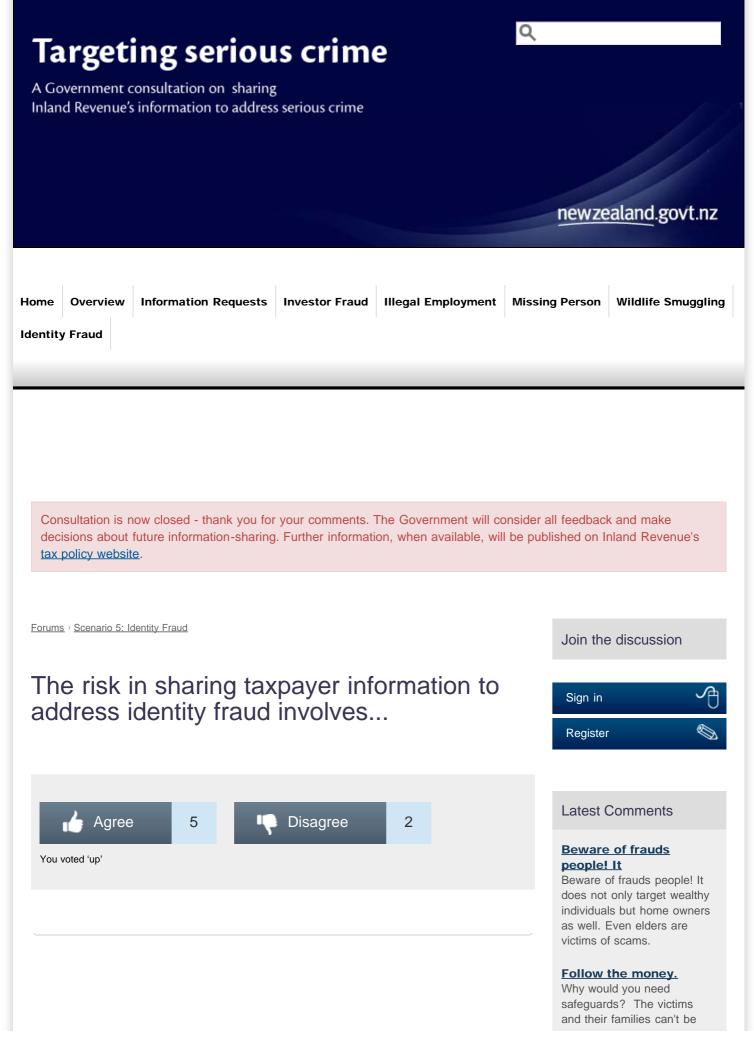
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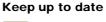
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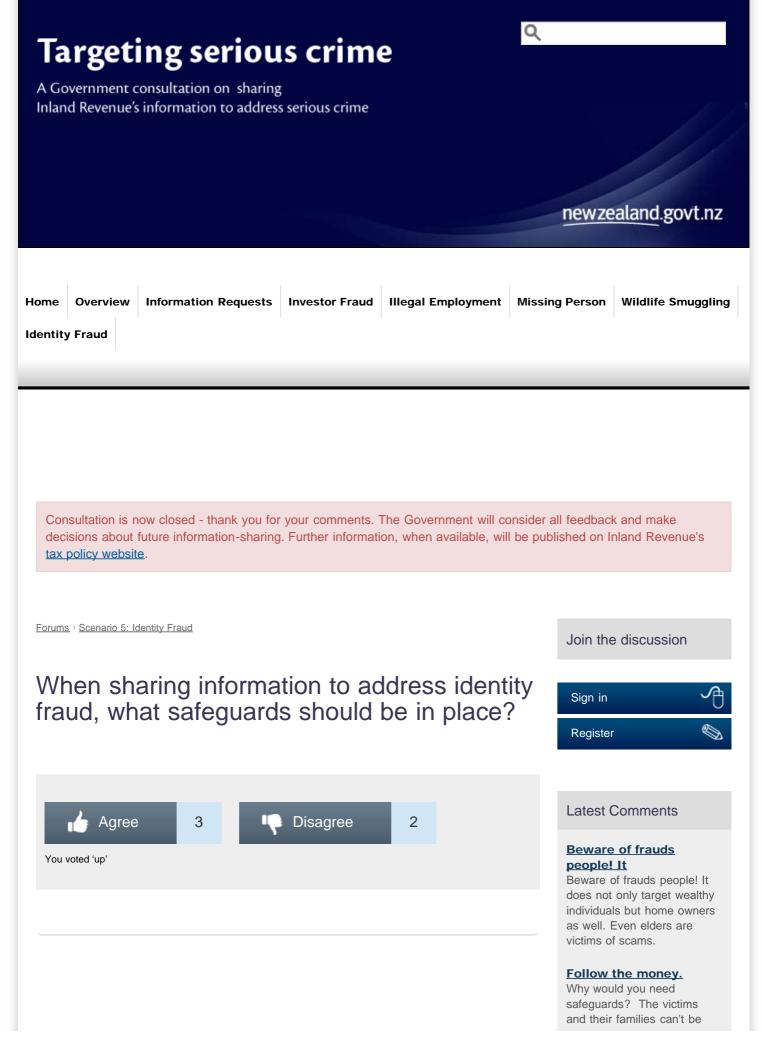
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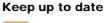
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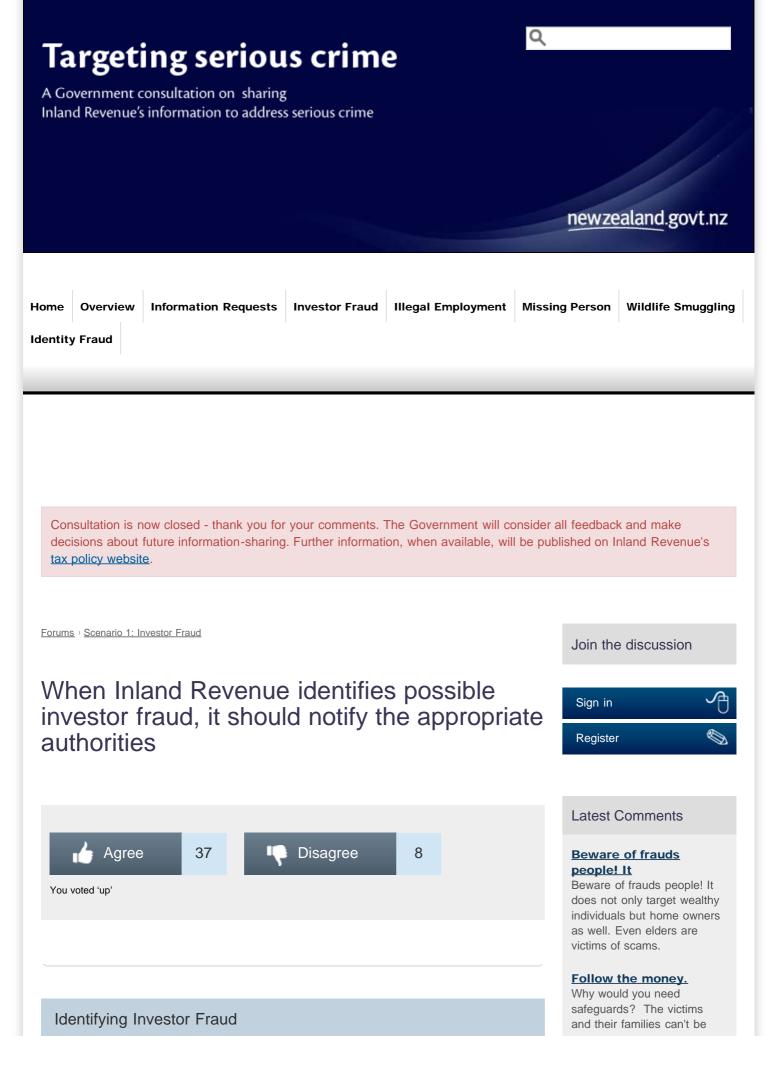
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Submitted by mrama on Tue, 09/04/2013 - 1:00pm.

One of the biggest issues here is the education, skills and ability for Inland Revenue to correctly identify a liklihood of a fraud risk existing. The example provided sounds more legitimate than fraudulent - there are lots of businesses that lend to companies and individuals where their creditworthiness is not good (i.e. there is a high chance the principal will nto be repaid) which justifies the high interest rates.

This would require Inland Revenue to have a good understanding of the business first (which while is improving, has a long way to go). By asserting that a taxpayer is conducting fraud which turns out to be incorrect can be very damaging and costly (time consuming) to a taxpayer in defending the claim.

There needs to be a suitable framework or specialist (i.e. trained) area in Inland Revenue to identify the fraud risk. Also, the hit rate should be reviewed by another agency / external auditor.

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Submitted by uchiacon on Wed, 10/04/2013 - 11:32am.

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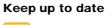
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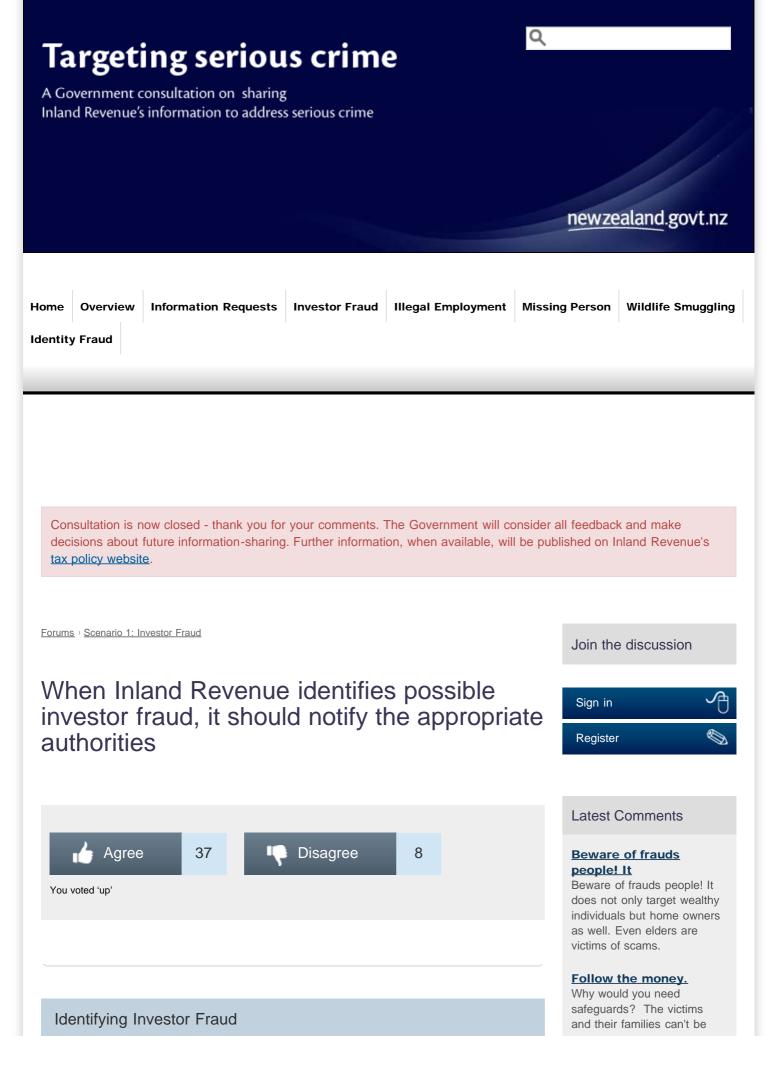
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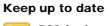
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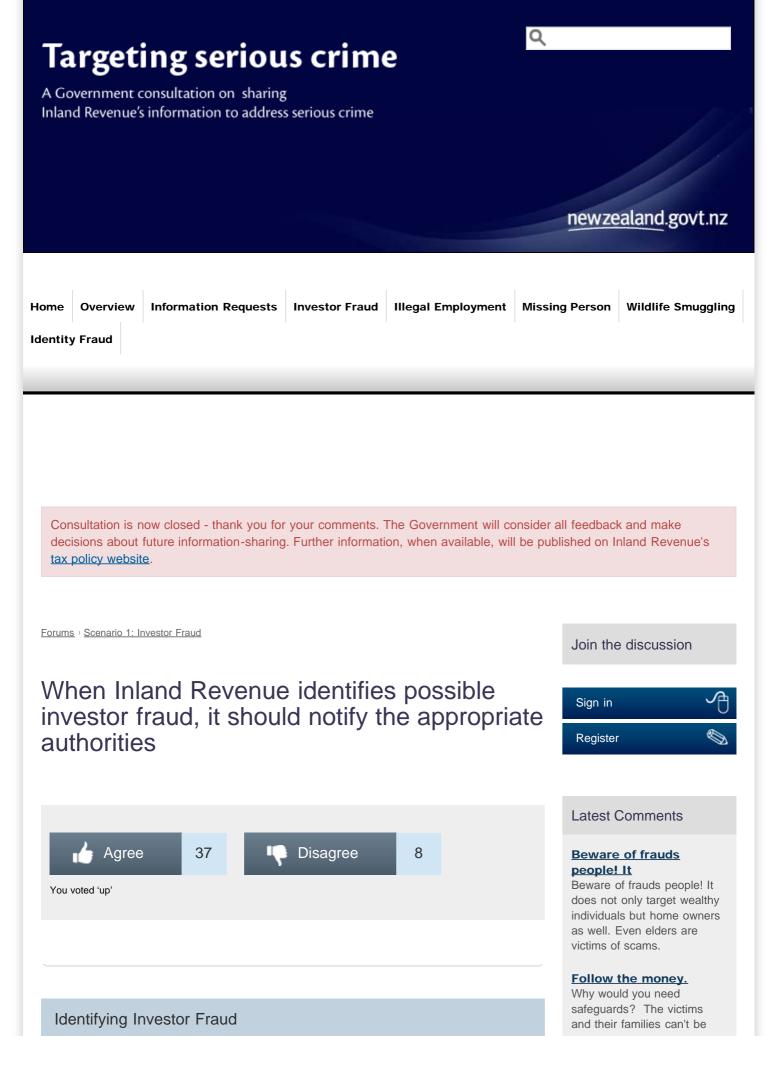
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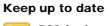
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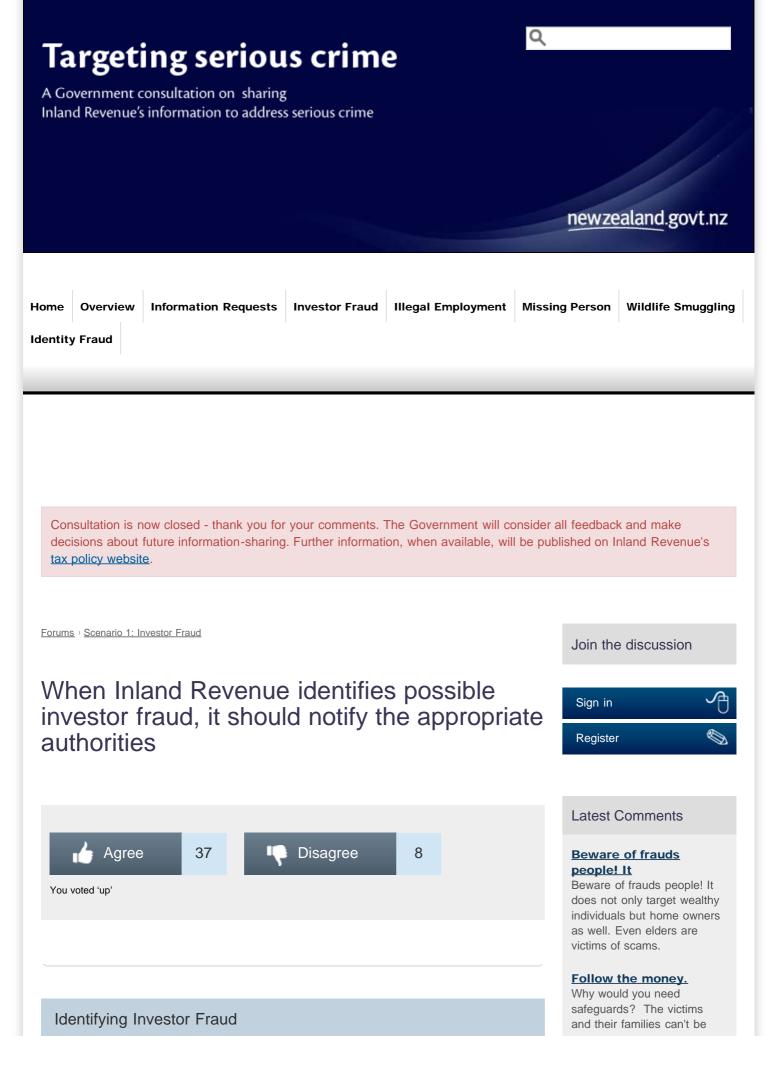
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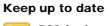
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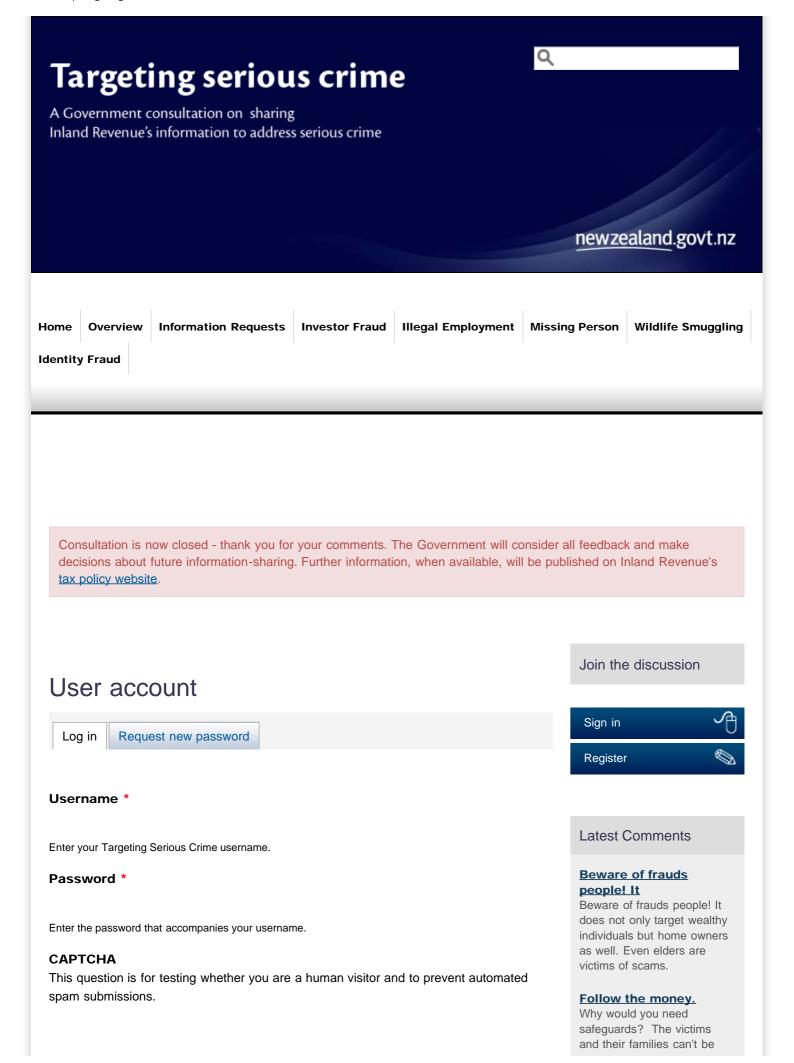
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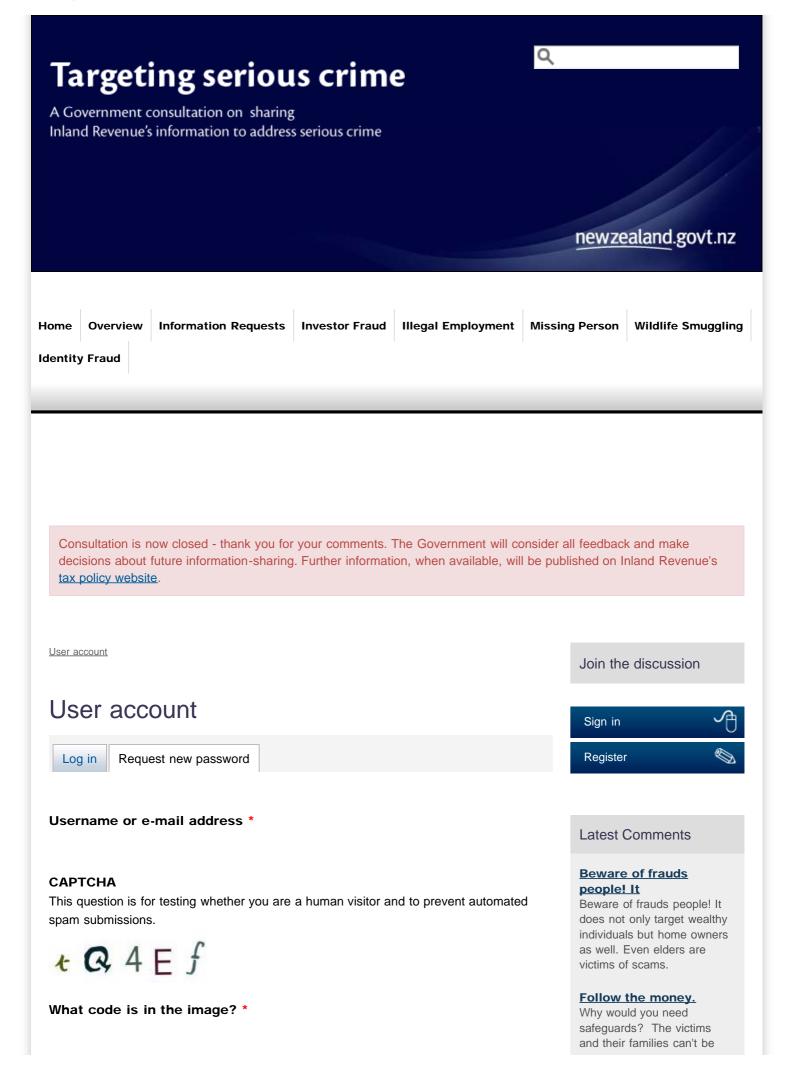
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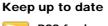
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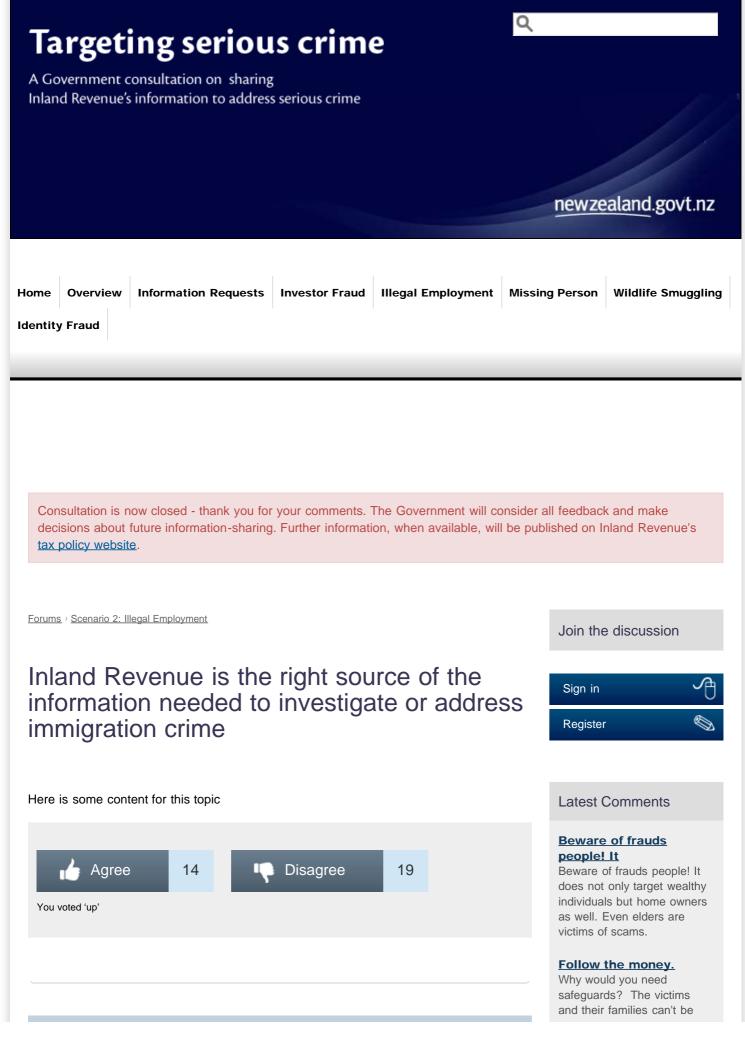


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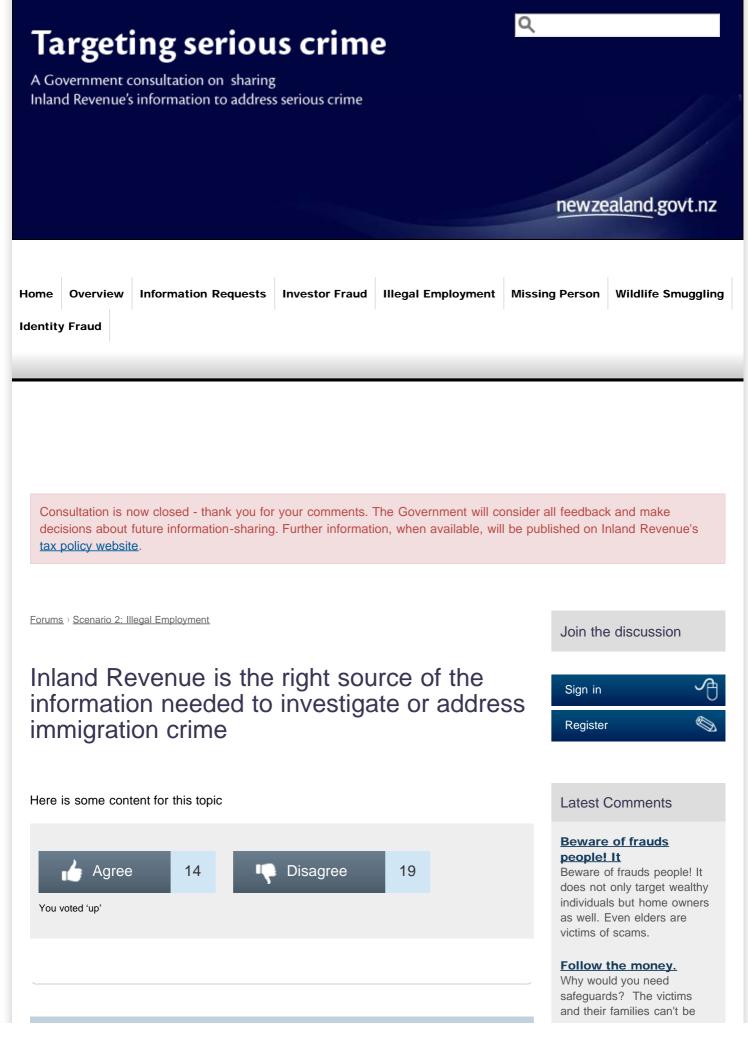
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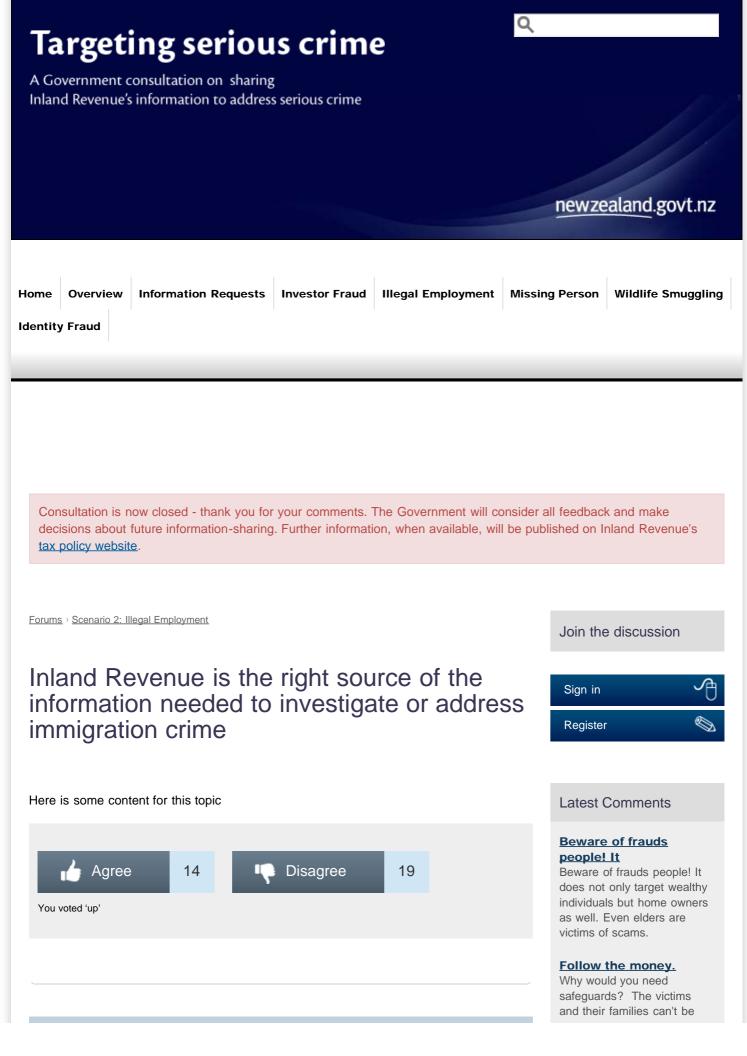
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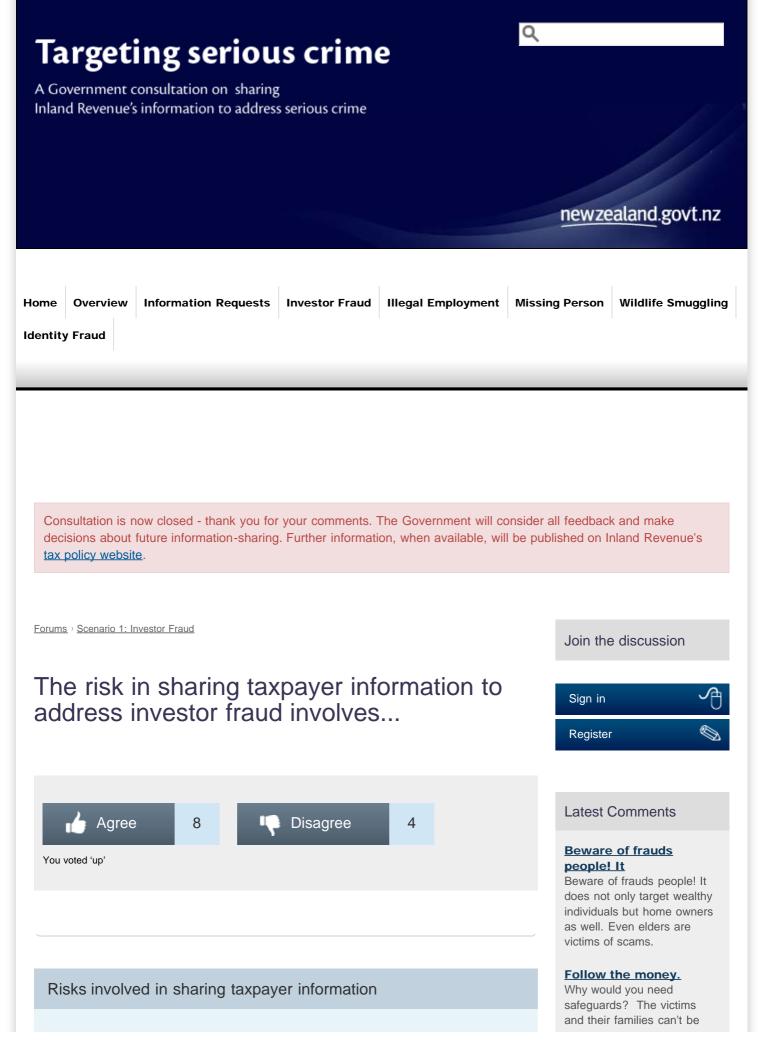
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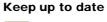
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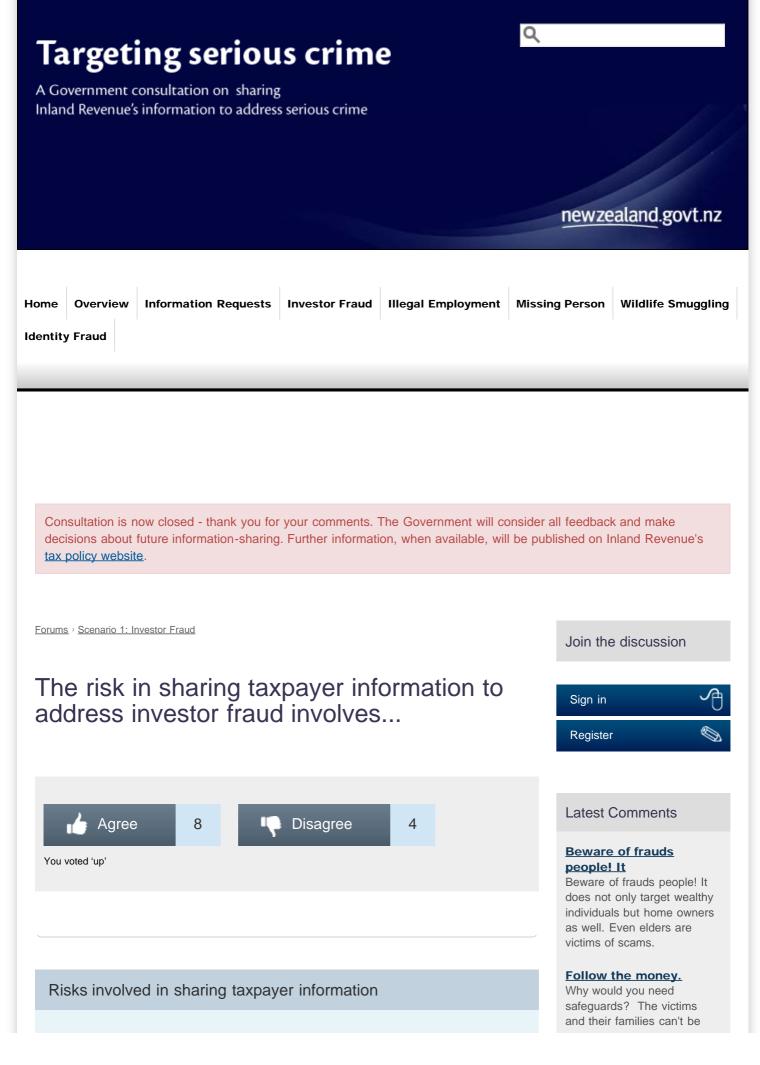
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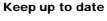
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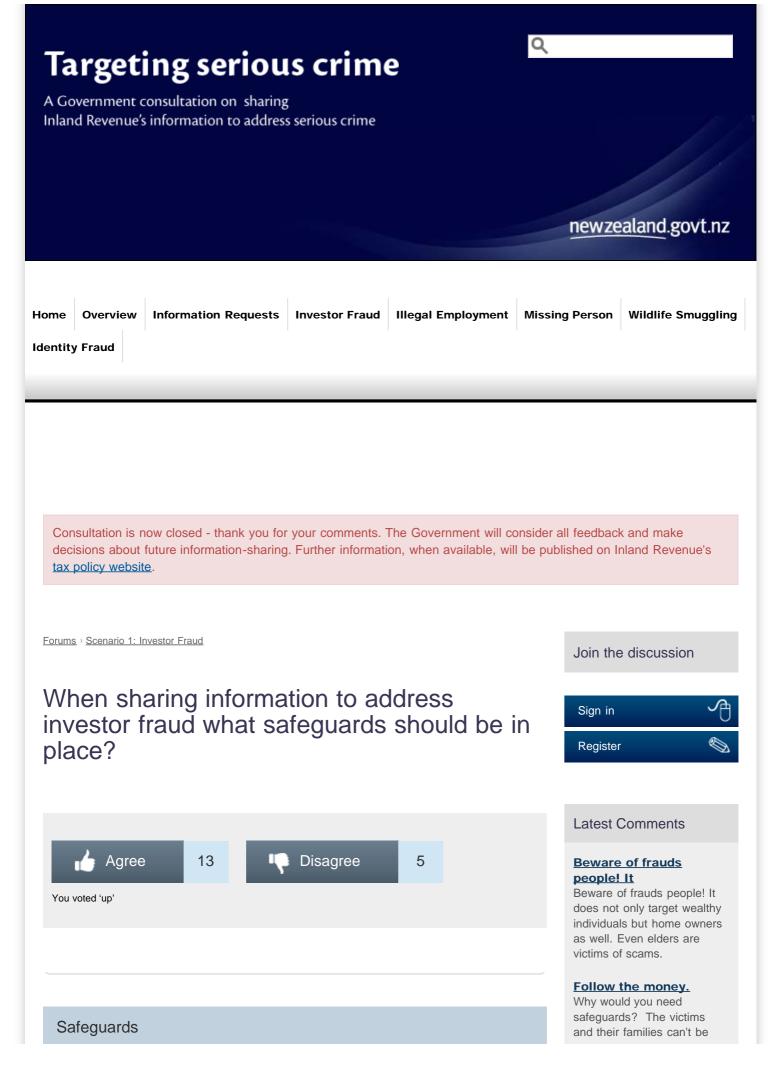
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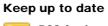
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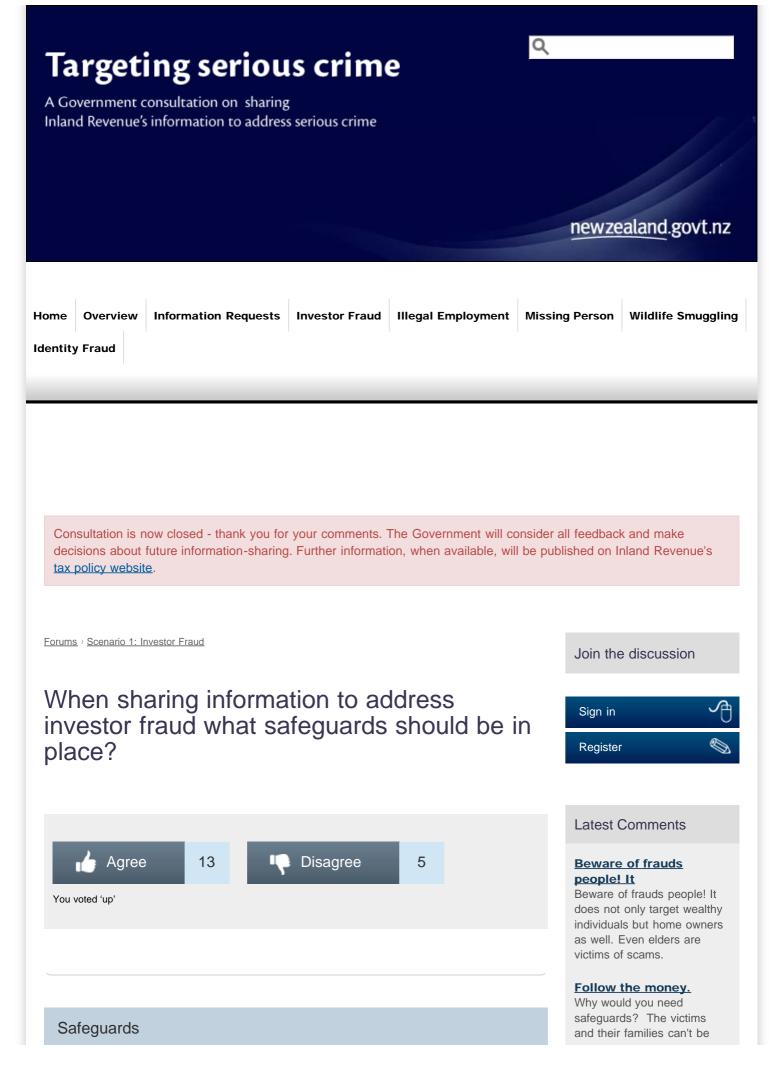
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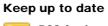
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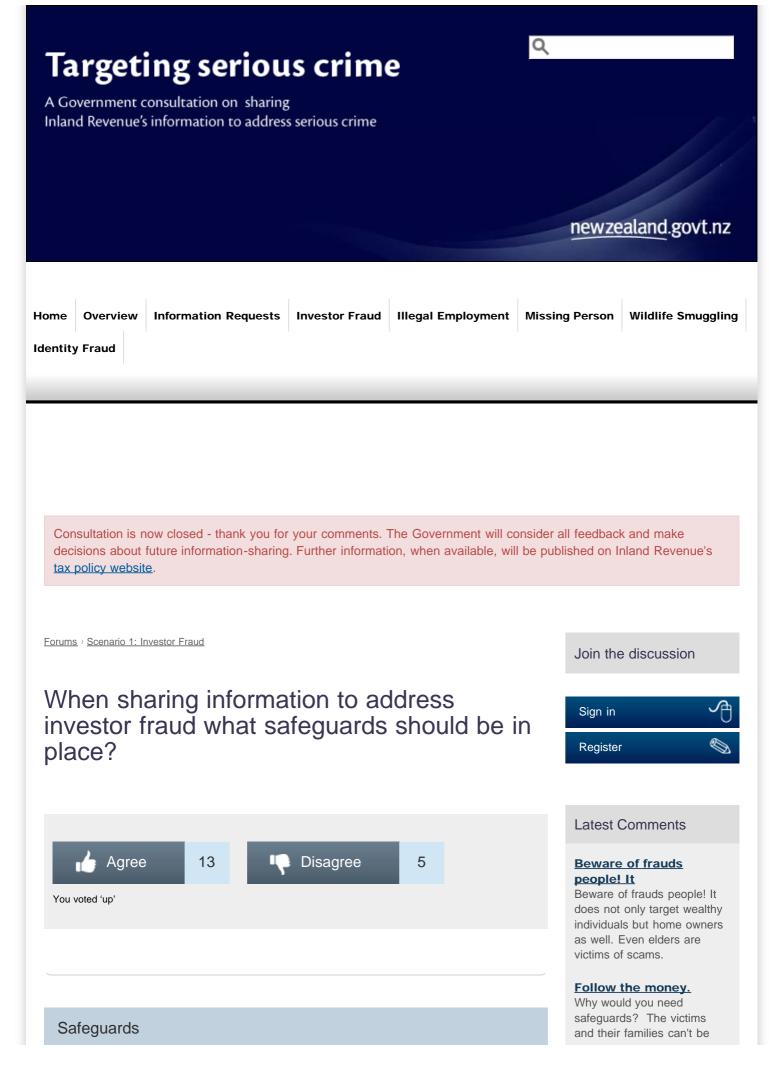
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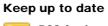
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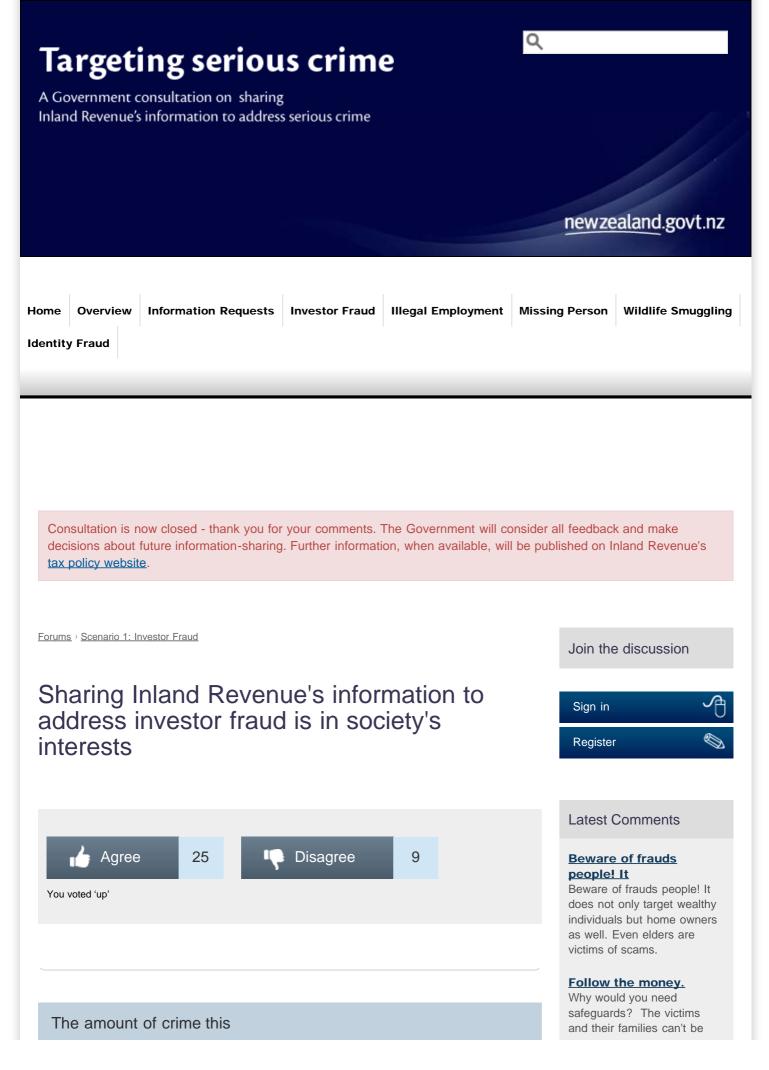
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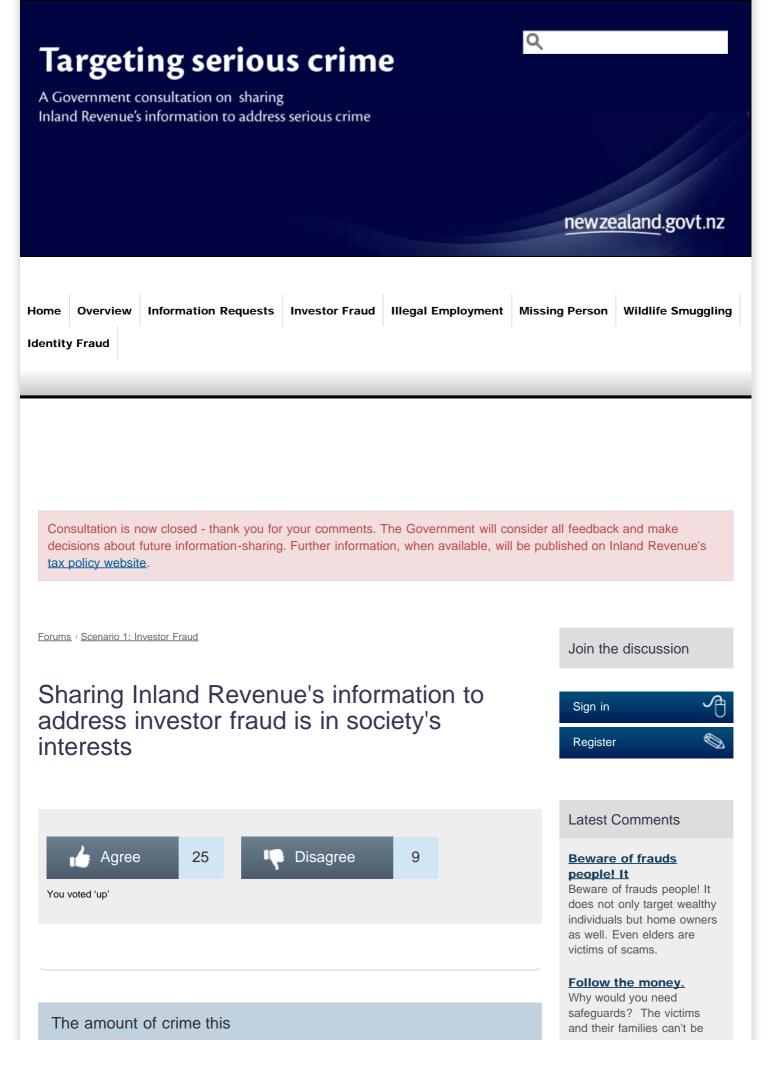
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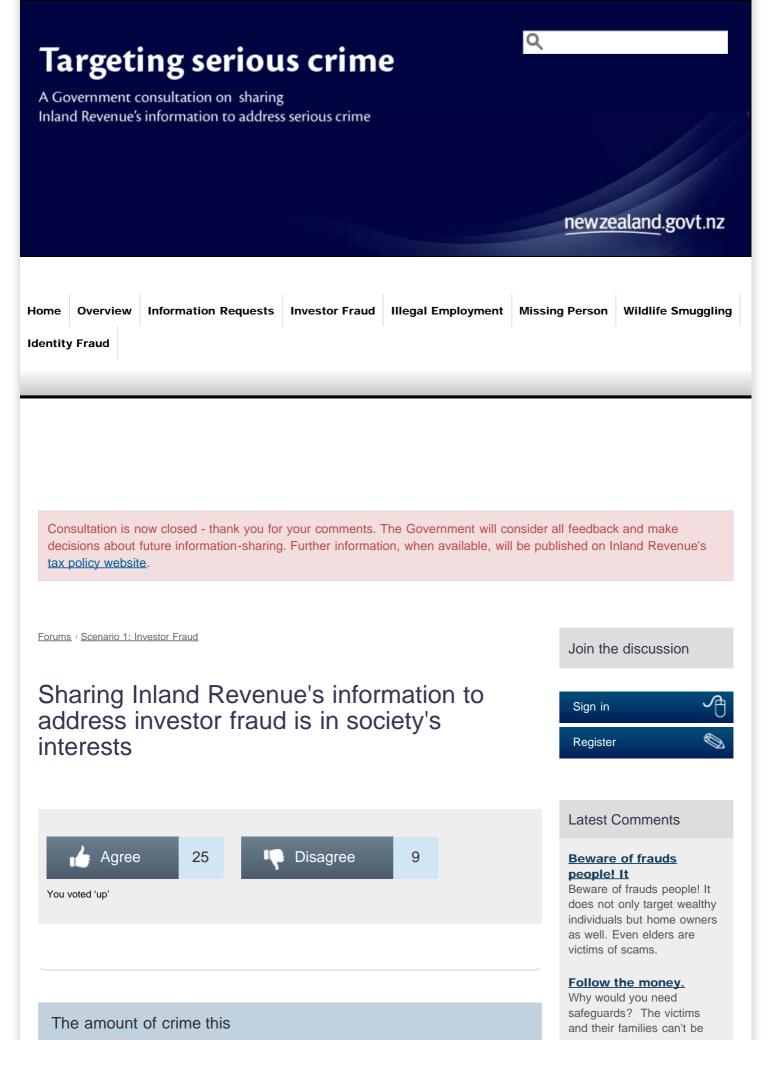
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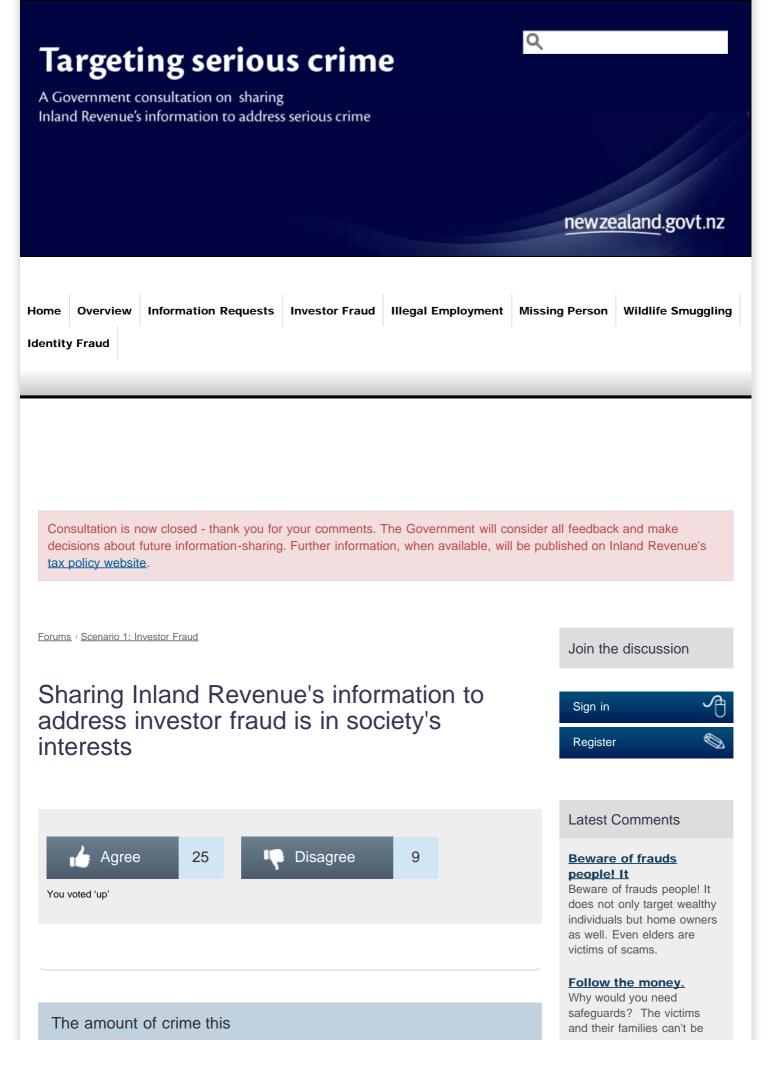
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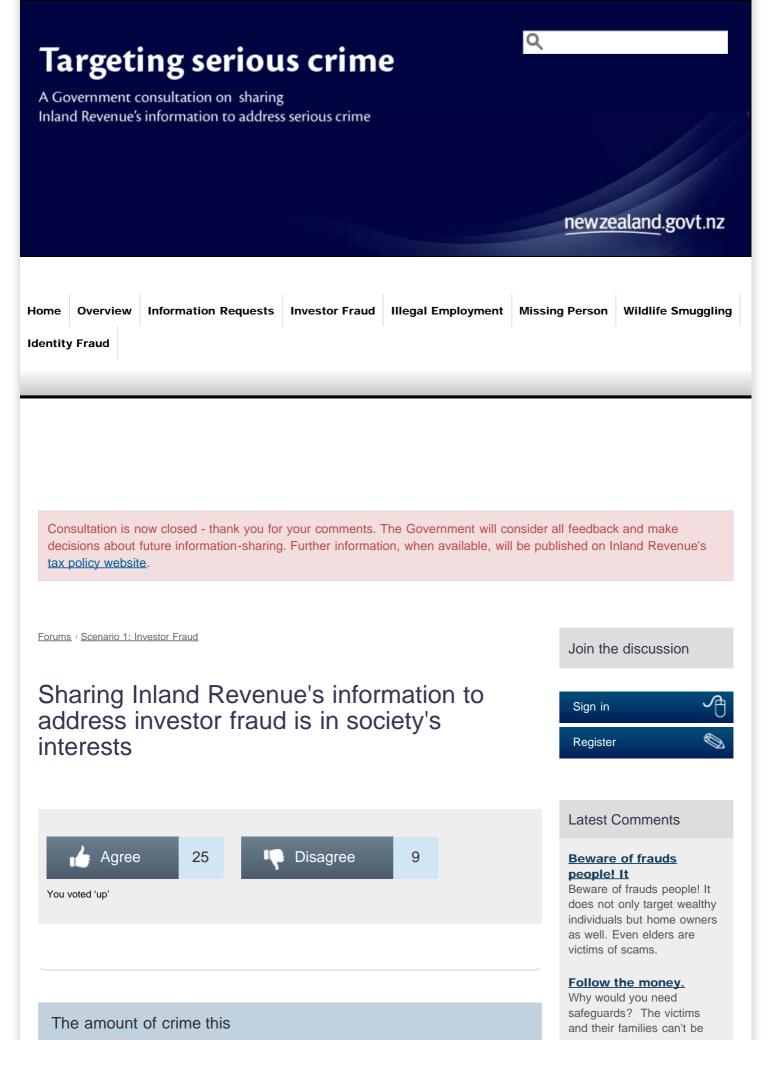
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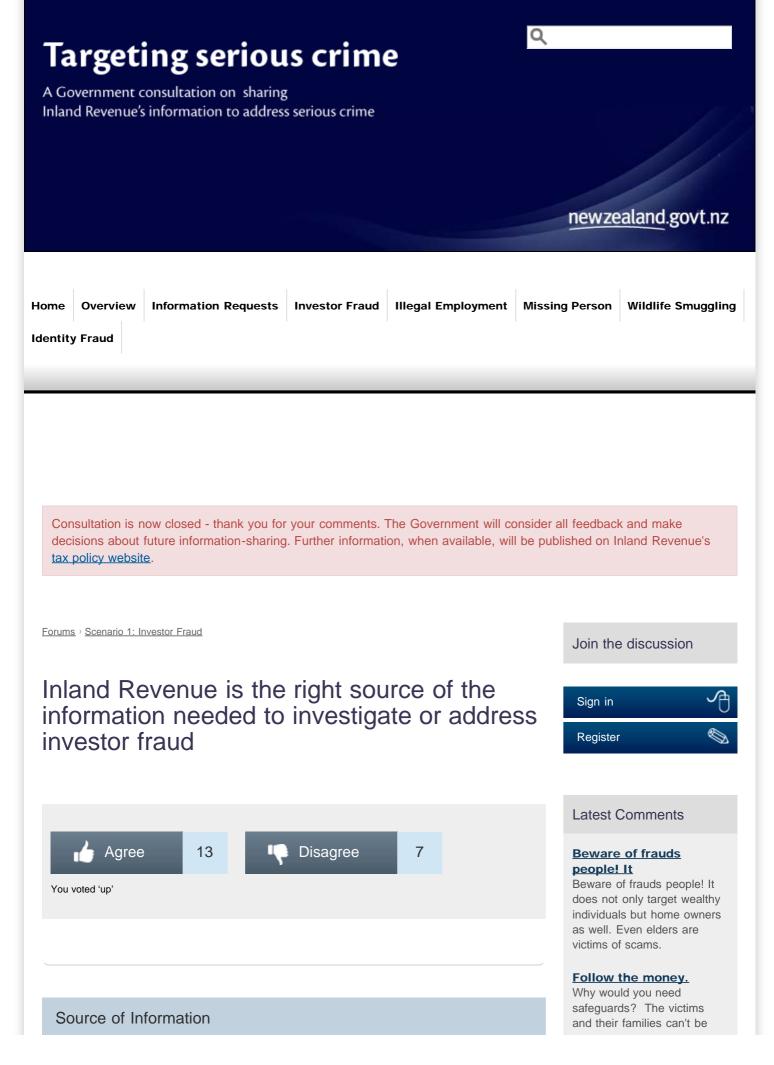
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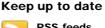
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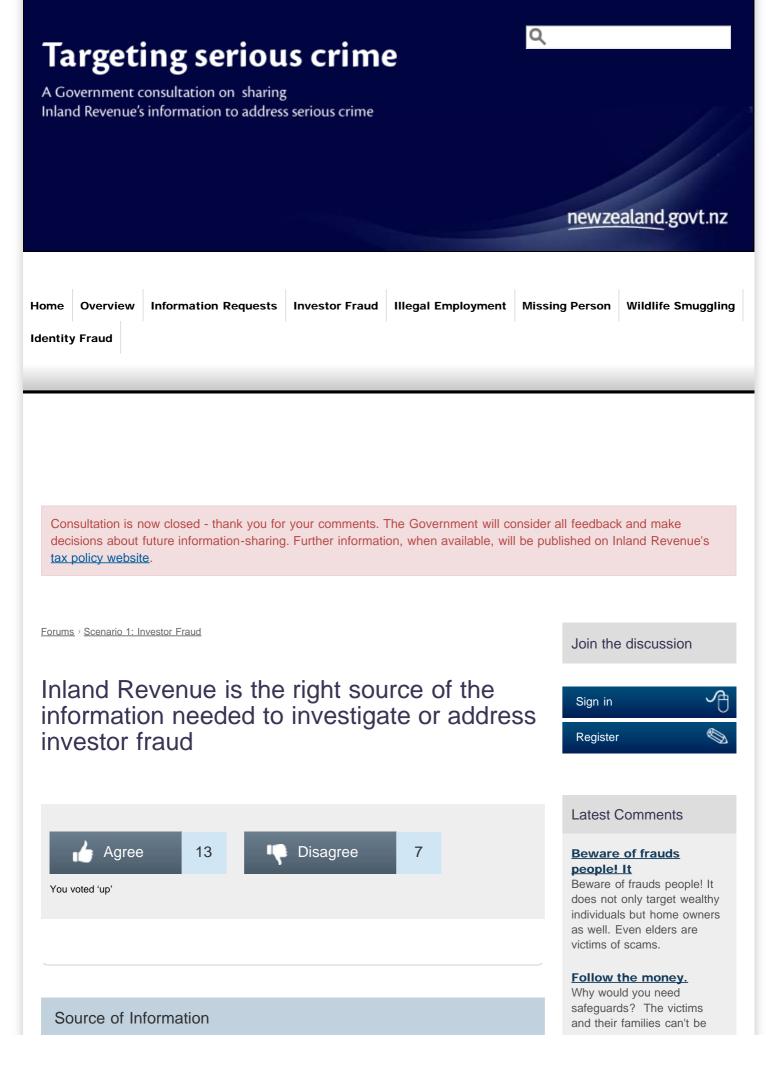
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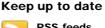
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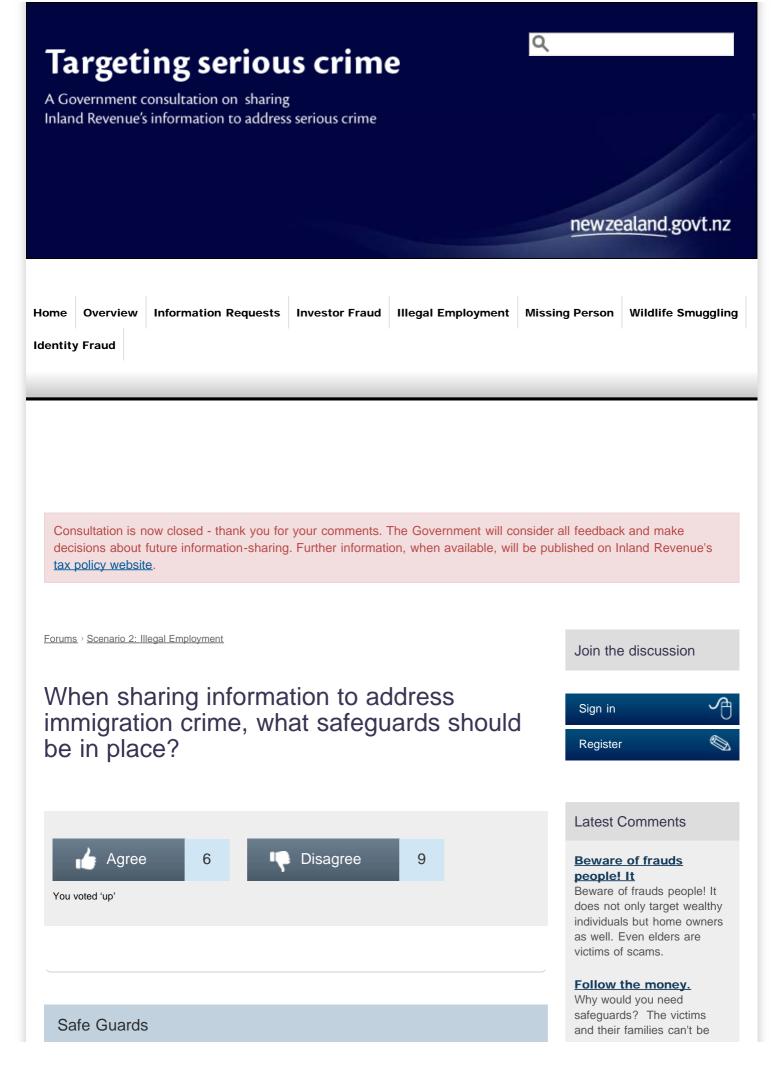
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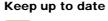
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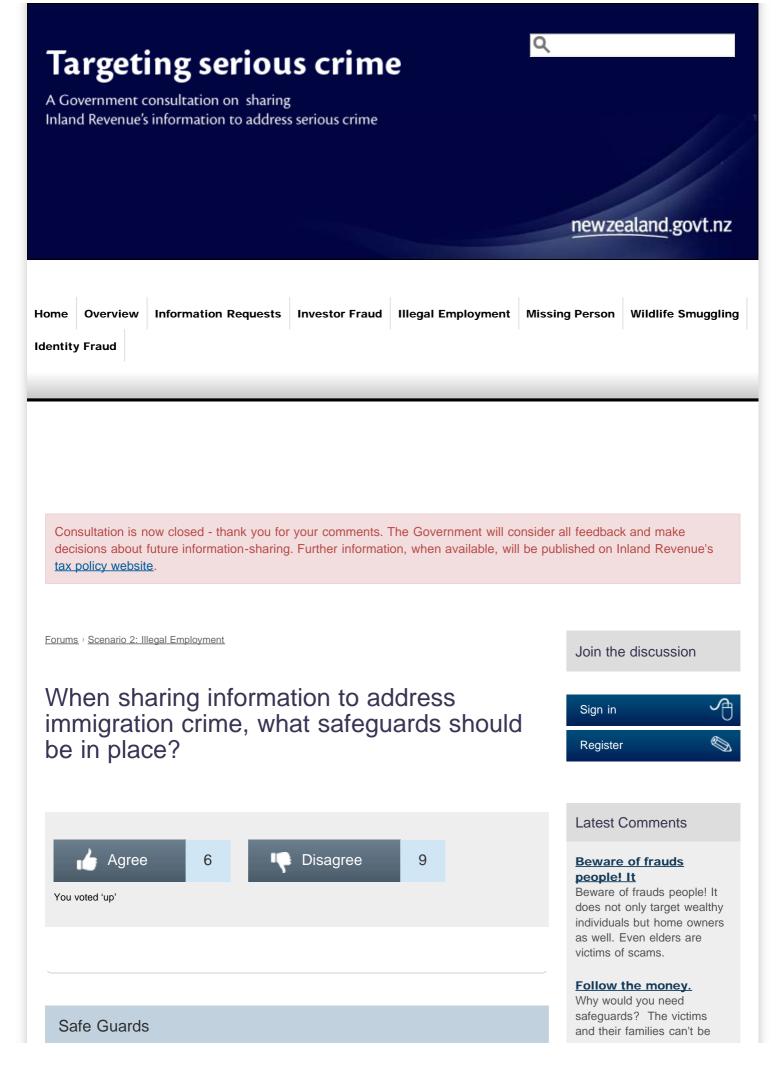
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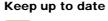
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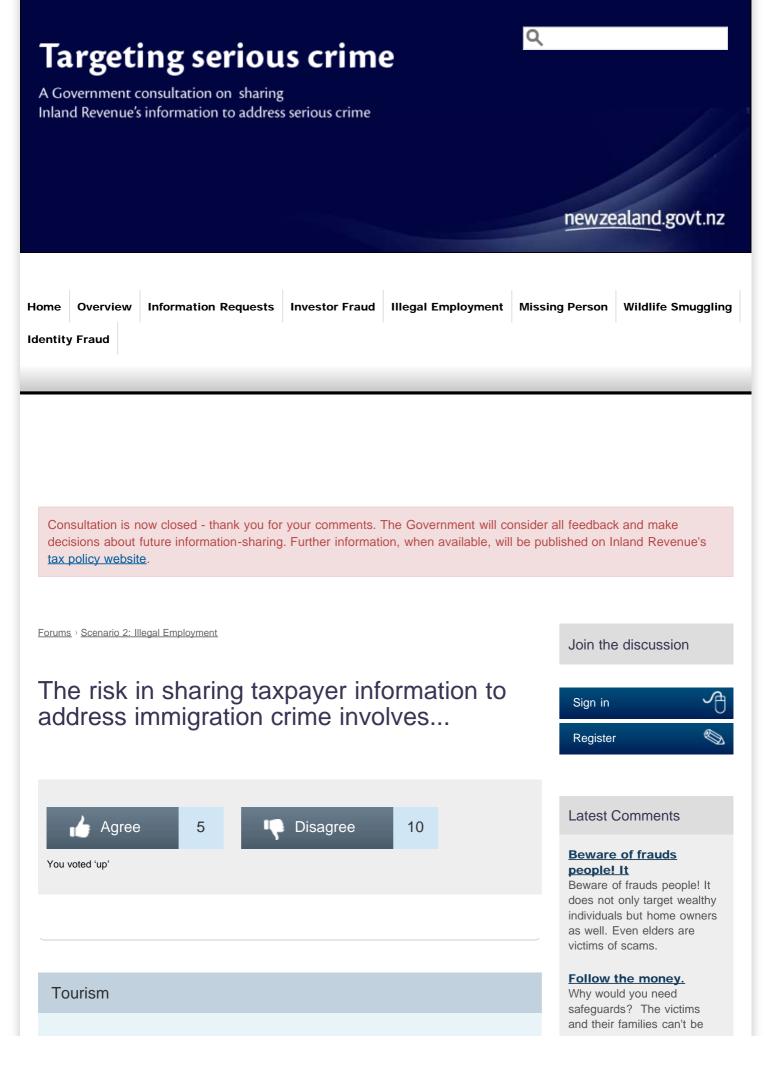
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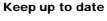
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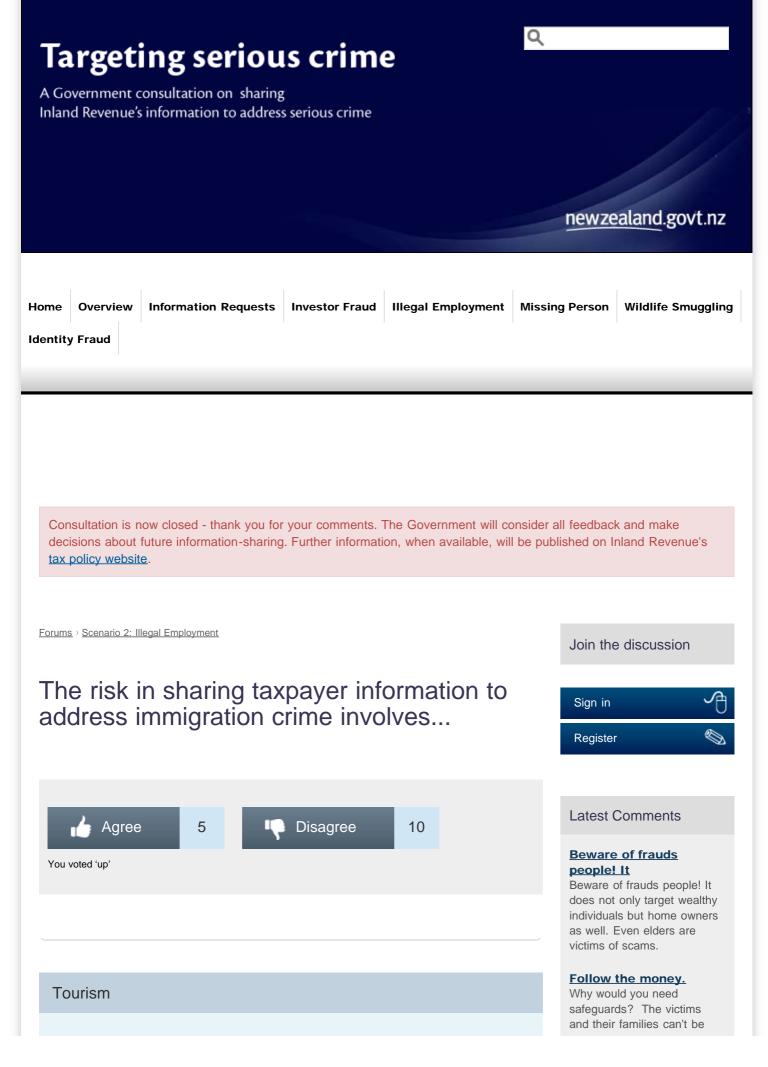
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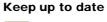
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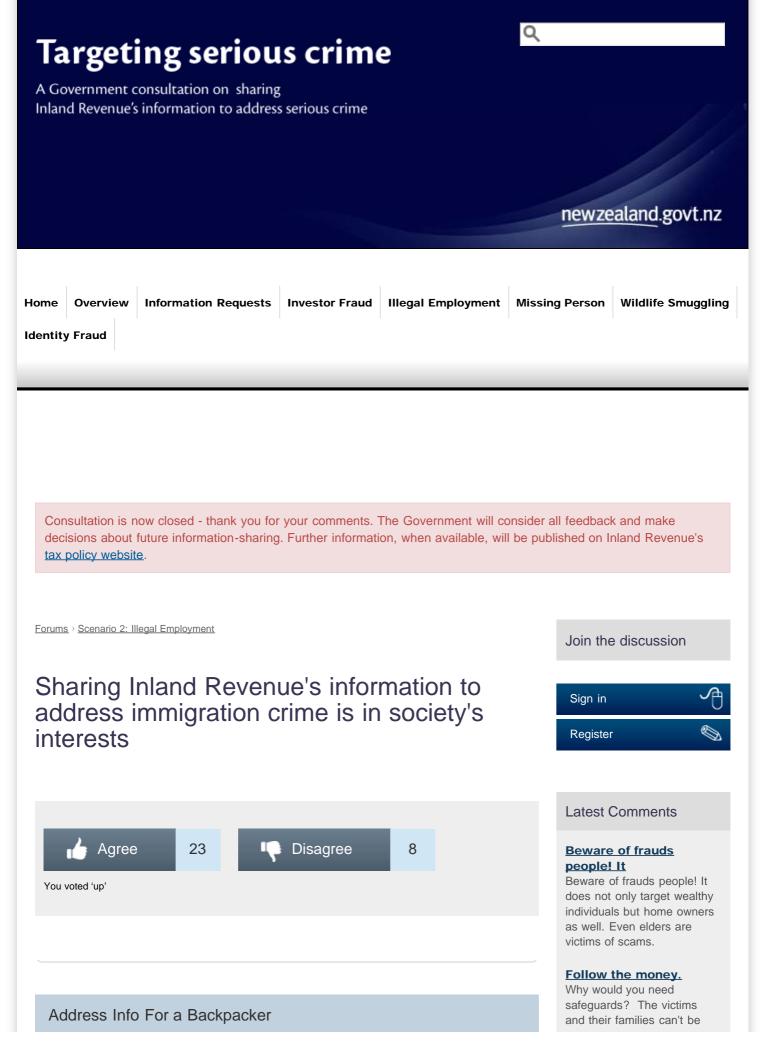
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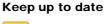
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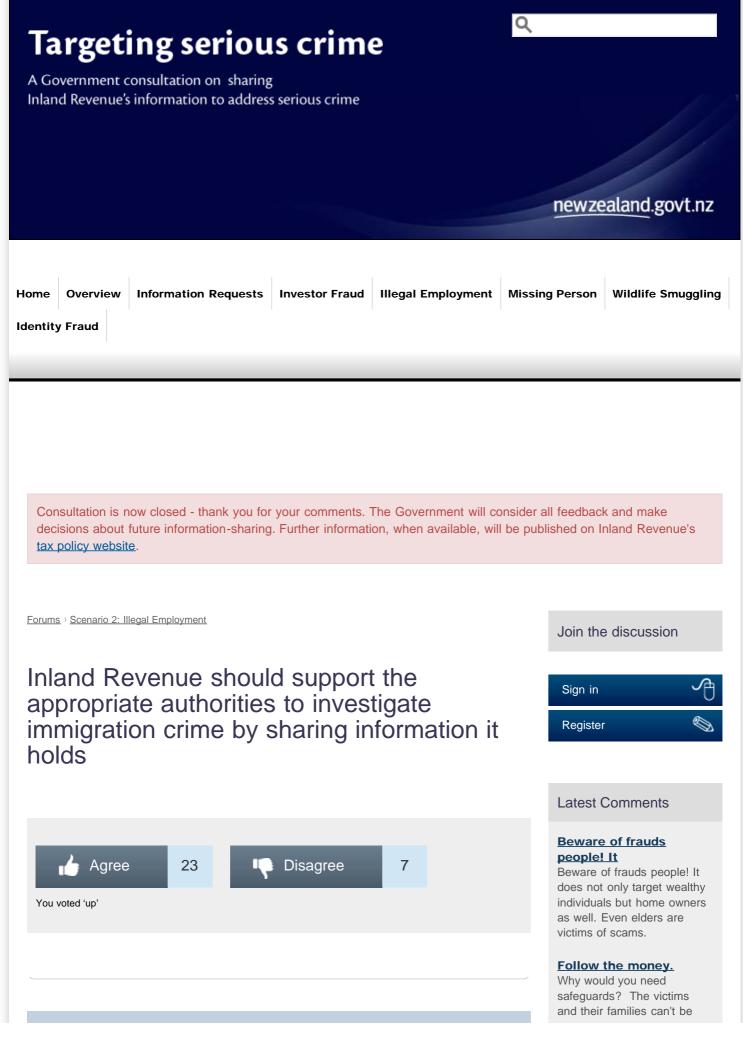
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Real World

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So the businees in an isolated part of NZ gets a worker to get an IRD number and deduct tax turns out the worker should not be working? could be the employer doesn't know! Would this not encourage the employer to pay under the table instead!

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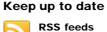
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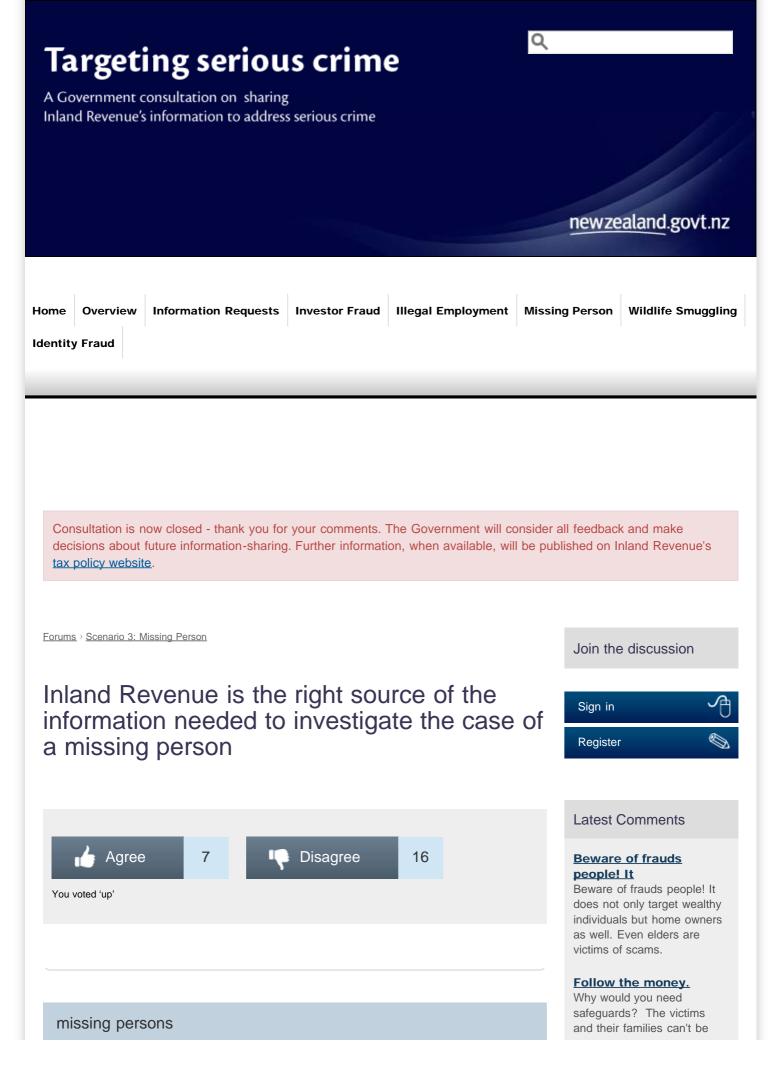
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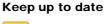
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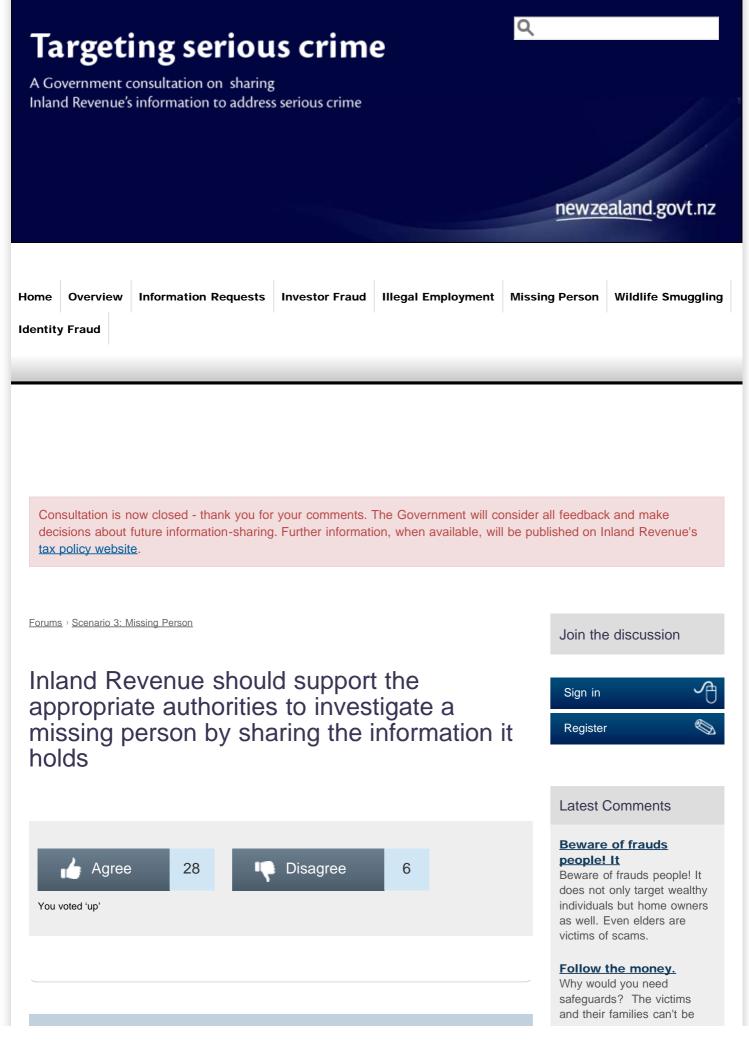
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Info

Submitted by West Coaster on Mon, 15/04/2013 - 3:40pm.

IRD's info would be of little use as its so much out of date telecomms info, NIA and the bank would would be better....appaers IRD is going for the emotive with this one!~

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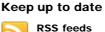
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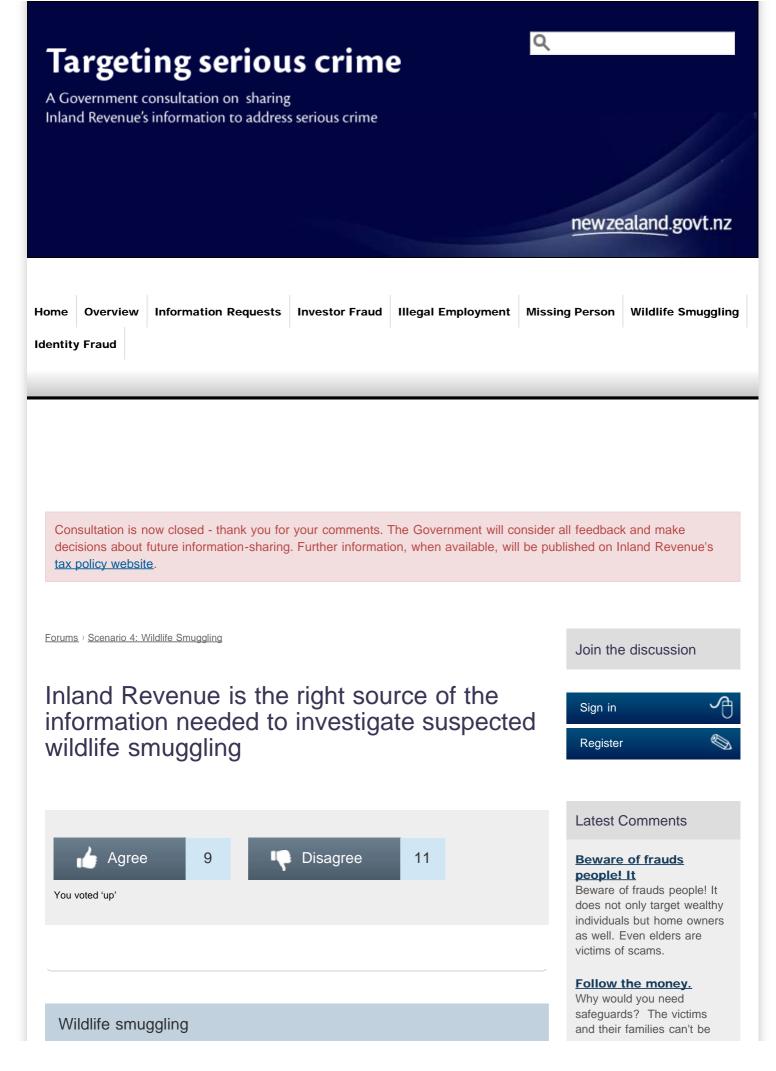
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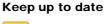
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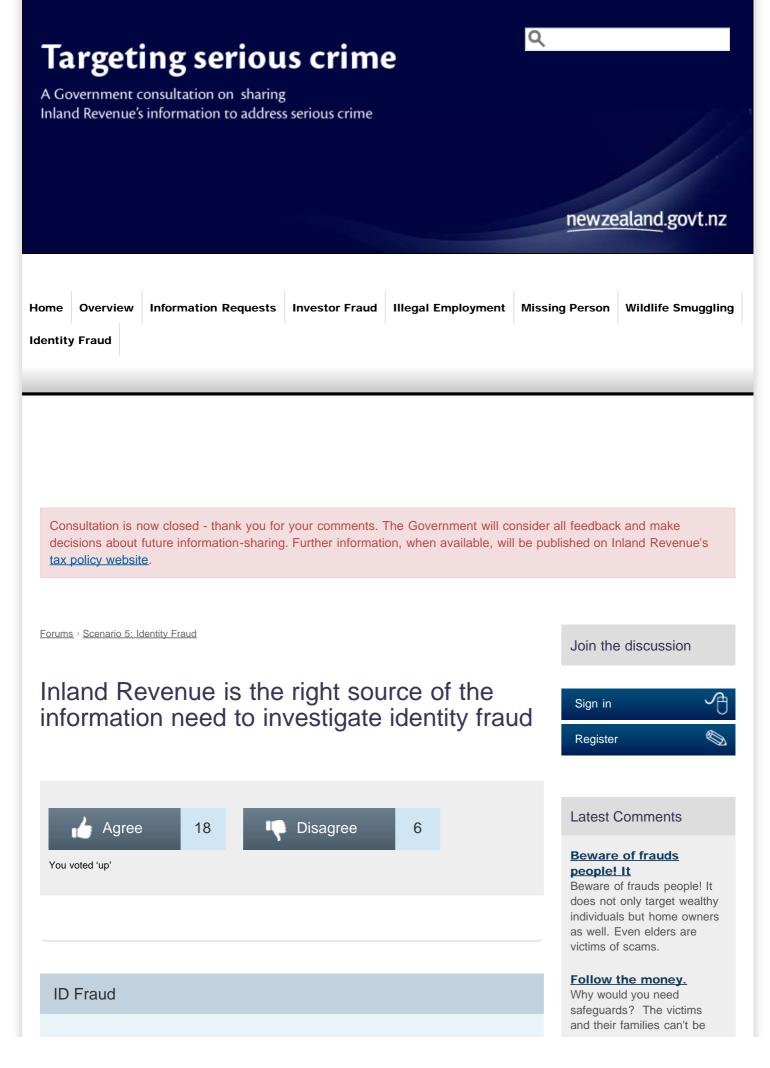
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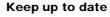
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