



The Official Statistics System Seminar Series and the Victoria University of Wellington School of Government present a joint seminar:

## Official Statistics: An Ethical Balance

**Speakers:** Adjunct Professor Sharleen Forbes, School of Government and Statistics New Zealand

**When:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2009 12.30-1.30pm

**Where:** Government Building Lecture Theatre 1, Victoria University of Wellington Pipitea Campus, access from Bunny Street, Wellington

**Seminar:**

This presentation is adapted from a paper written by a group of senior staff from Statistics New Zealand (Sharleen Forbes, Vince Galvin, Andrew Hunter, Paul Maxwell and Whetu Wereta) and presented at the recent International Statistics Institute conference in Durban. It discusses how the twelve Principles of Official Statistics adopted by the United Nations Statistics Commission in 1994 have been implemented in New Zealand and gives some examples of recent challenges to these principles.

There have been three major types of challenge in the last decade: direct challenges to specific UN principles of official statistics (such as first release practice and survey respondent confidentiality); the distinction between business and personal information; and the over-sampling or provision of information for only one section of the population (such as Maori). Specific examples, together with the New Zealand response, will be given for each of these.

**Registration:**

Please register for this seminar by following the link below and completing the [online registration form](#).

Numbers are limited and places will be allocated on a first come – first served basis.