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An Act to provide for a consistent governance framework across public bodies in Singapore and to support a whole-of-government approach to the delivery of services in the Singapore public sector.

[1 April 2018]

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Short title

- 1. This Act is the Public Sector (Governance) Act 2018.

Interpretation

- 2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“chairperson”, in relation to a public body, means the individual who is appointed under the constitutional Act of the public body as the chairperson of the public body, and includes any individual appointed under that Act to act in that capacity;

“chief executive”, in relation to a public body, means the individual (however designated) who is appointed as the chief executive officer of the public body, and includes any individual acting in that capacity temporarily;

- “comply”, in relation to a direction under Part 2, means to give effect to the direction or to have regard to the direction, as the context of the direction requires;
- “constitutional Act”, in relation to a public body, means the Act by or under which the public body is established;
- “control”, in relation to information, has the meaning given by subsection (3);
- “data sharing direction” means a direction given under section 4 on sharing of information or re-identification of anonymised information under the control of a Singapore public sector agency;
- “financial year”, for a public body, means a period defined by the constitutional Act of the public body to be the financial year of the public body;
- “function” means a function under written law and includes a power or duty under written law;
- “governing body”, for a public body, means the public body unless the constitutional Act of the public body specifies otherwise;
- “Group 1 public body” means a public body specified in the First Schedule;
- “Group 1A public body” means a public body specified in Part 1 of the First Schedule;
- “Group 1B public body” means a public body specified in Part 2 of the First Schedule;
- “Group 1C public body” means a public body specified in Part 3 of the First Schedule;
- “Group 2 public body” means a public body specified in the Second Schedule, being a public body the main function of which is to regulate the practice and standards of a profession;
- “Group 2A public body” means a public body specified in Part 1 of the Second Schedule;