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Question:

Can you describe how the *PGPA Act* will affect the number of breaches reported in the 2012-13 Certificate of Compliance report?

Answer:

The PGPA Act moves from a prescriptive compliance-based approach to a broader principles-based approach to performance and resource management. Instead of legislative provisions that focus on process, the PGPA Act contains a stronger focus on duties, internal controls and risk. By moving away from prescription that results in many minor technical breaches, it is anticipated that Commonwealth entities may report fewer instances, but more meaningful issues to do with non-compliance.