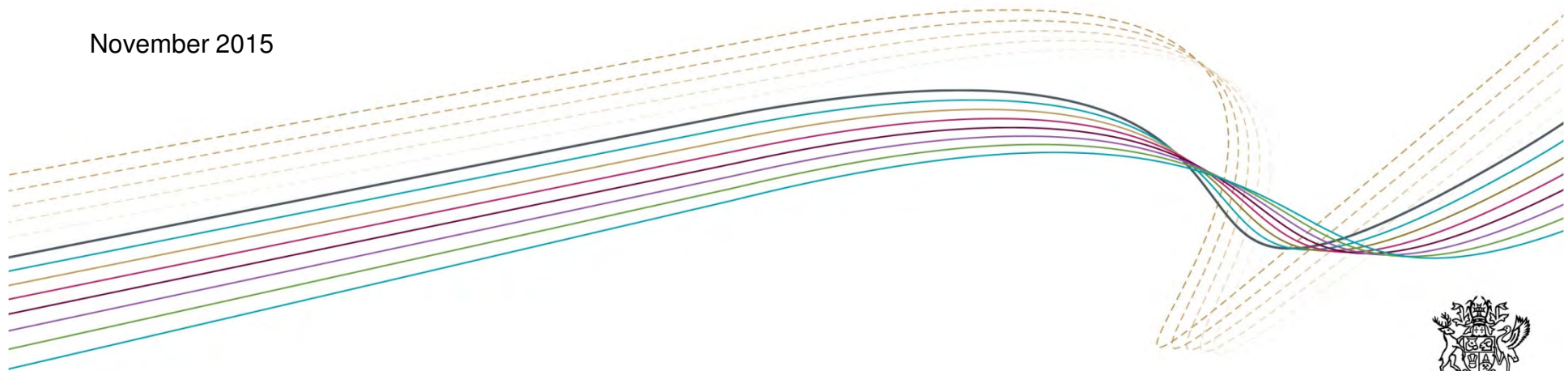


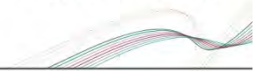
Data Linkage Symposium

**Linking non-health data in Queensland:
processes for gaining access to and linking these data**

November 2015



Introduction



- What is the Queensland Government Statistician's Office?
- How can we assist with data linkage and access?

Who are we?



The Queensland Government Statistician's Office (QGSO) is part of Queensland Treasury.

Our vision is:

to support better decision making to advance Queensland.

<http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/>

The *Statistical Returns Act 1896 (SRA)*:

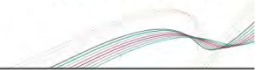
- authorises the Government Statistician
 - to collect information
 - to disclose information
- includes secrecy provisions to protect data

Example project

Mental Illness and Offending

- QH is linking the health related datasets
- QGSO is linking the criminal justice datasets
- QGSO will link the two sets of identifiers
- QH will provide the de-identified health content data to Griffith University
- QGSO will provide the de-identified criminal justice content data to Griffith University + the project linkage keys

Governance



- support from the State government data custodians
- ethics and research committee approvals
- formal correspondence requesting data under the SRA
- signed agreements between stakeholder organisations
- deeds signed by individual researchers
- ongoing monitoring of data access

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