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Written Response by the
Senator Arianna J.L. Hodgson
To Questions raised by
Senator Ben A. Smith, JP
on 13th July 2022

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

Q1. Would the Junior Minister please inform the Senate as to the number of Bermudians as at 30th June 2022 on which the Government of Bermuda and any of its affiliated contractors, businesses or other organisations have collected personal data or information through the Travel Authorisation Form programme, whether any of them retain or have access to this personal data of Bermudians, and whether any of them are located outside Bermuda or store the data outside of Bermuda?

RESPONSE:

An estimate of 46,300 Bermudian residents have had their personal data collected through the Travel Authorization process.

ResPartner Ltd., (dba resQwest), a Bermuda based company, and Government of Bermuda Staff and contractors employed to manage the functions related to the travel authorization have access to the travel authorization records.

The Pandemic Travel Authorization System is administered by the company resPartner Ltd., - (dba resQwest), a Bermuda based company and the data is stored overseas, in Microsoft Azure US east coast data.

Q2. Would the Junior Minister please inform the Senate as to whether any of the affiliated contractors, businesses or other organisations have Privacy Notice policies, where the policies may be accessed, and whether they have data retention policies that specify how long the personal data of Bermudians can be retained before being deleted or destroyed?

RESPONSE:

All Government of Bermuda staff and contractors are bound by a confidentiality agreement they have signed by way of their contract when they are employed or engaged.

The Travel Authorization data will be transferred to a Government of Bermuda managed data base system by March 31 2023.

Q3. Would the Junior Minister please inform the Senate as to whether the Government of Bermuda and/or any of the affiliated contractors, businesses or other organisations involved have

undertaken any actions to analyze and correlate the personal data collected from the Covid Vaccination programme with the personal data collected from the Travel Authorisation Form programme, and if so, to what purpose and who is able to access the results?

RESPONSE:

Correlation and analysis of data across modules is undertaken by the business intelligence analyst for the pandemic administration system. This sort of analysis is undertaken in the following scenarios:

- 1. To generate statistics reported to the public, such as the vaccination status of positive cases (including travellers),*
- 2. To inform compliance queries such as travelling residents who have vaccination documents that require additional vetting,*
- 3. A new upgrade to the travel authorization(TA) process currently allows stored vaccination data to automatically upload to a travelers TA when applying.*