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Dear Lindsay

OIA request 2021-0168 Request for information regarding Birth Notice (RG-9) Document

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 18 September 2020.

You requested –

- 1. Why was my Birth Notice RG-9 destroyed?*
- 2. Who was the individual that authorised the destruction of my Birth Notice RG-9?*
- 3. Under what law does that individual have the right to destroy my Birth Notice RG-9?*
- 4. Under what Legislation does that individual have the right to destroy my Birth Notice RG-9?*
- 5. Who is authorised to destroy my Birth Notice RG-9?*
- 6. As the details that would have appeared on my Birth Notice RG-9 still exist with BDM but on another paper record. What would prevent BDM in law or legislation to create my Birth Notice RG-9 with the details they already hold?*

In response to your request I can provide you with the following information.

I can advise you that your RG-9 Birth Notice form was destroyed as a result of a schedule Births Deaths and Marriages Circular 1999/1- issued on 3 February 1999, by the Registrar-General.

Please see Appendix A, attached, for a copy of the BDM Records Disposal & Retention Schedule - Source Documents. This schedule outlines the information you seek in questions 1-5 of your request.

In response to question 6 of your request I can advise you that the Department is unable to recreate an original document, and RG-9 Birth Notice form is a historical form which has since been superseded.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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