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Dear Jay Moodley

Thank you for your inquiry of 15 April 2015 about the timeframe for the return to ten-year passports.

This issue is currently under consideration by Cabinet. Ministers and officials are working through the funding issues associated with any potential change in the validity period. I understand the Minister of Internal Affairs expects to make announcements on the matter in the near future.

You may be aware that any changes to the passport validity period agreed by Cabinet would require amendments to the Passports Act 1992. It is not possible at this time to provide an indication of the likely timeframe for the legislative process. However, once Cabinet decisions are made you will be able to follow progress on the Department of Internal Affairs' website, www.dia.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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