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BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES and CITIZENSHIP

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Dear Alex Harris

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request, received by the Department of Internal Affairs on 15 October 2015.

You have requested:

“How many times in the last five years has the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages been directed to create new identity information under section 65(2)(a) of the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 1995?”

This information is withheld pursuant to sections 6 (c) & 6 (d) of the Official Information Act 1982:

“6 CONCLUSIVE REASONS FOR WITHHOLDING OFFICIAL INFORMATION

Good reason for withholding official information exists, for the purpose of [section 5](#), if the making available of that information would be likely—

(c) to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial; or

(d) to endanger the safety of any person;”

You also requested:

“How many times in the last five years has the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages been directed to create new identity information under section 65(2)(b) of the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 1995?”

This information is withheld pursuant to section 6 (a) of the Official Information Act 1982:

"6 CONCLUSIVE REASONS FOR WITHHOLDING OFFICIAL INFORMATION

Good reason for withholding official information exists, for the purpose of section 5, if the making available of that information would be likely—

- (a) to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand;"

You have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision under section 28 of the Official Information Act 1982. The Ombudsman can be contacted at:

Office of the Ombudsman

PO Box 10152

Wellington 6143

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Montgomery', with a stylized, cursive script.

Jeff Montgomery

Registrar-General and General Manager

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