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Dear Karissa

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Thank you for email of 31 August 2017 in which you sought the following information:

“I am wishing to obtain knowledge of the value of my birth certificate, And also information about how to start and end my birth certificate registration with the government. This is purely for knowledge and information about myself and contracts I may have been placed into by my parents.”

Your birth certificate has no specified monetary value, in that it cannot be traded or redeemed for a set value. However, the information contained therein may be used as evidence of details relating to your birth e.g. when and where you were born.

All births occurring in New Zealand are required to be notified and registered, and this is confirmed by Sections 5 to 17 of the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 1995. There is no provision to cancel, or remove, your birth from the New Zealand Birth Registration database.

The Department has no knowledge of any contracts that you may have been entered into by your parents.

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 on 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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