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Dear Karissa

Official Information Act 1982 request 17/18 – 0100

Thank you for email of 13 September 2017, in which you sought further clarification of the Department's letter to the same date:

"Is that suggesting because I don't have any rights over myself or my personal information, that in all respect I could be deemed a slave by definition. If not, can you explain how not."

There is no suggestion, either directly or by implication, that you are a slave as a result of the Department holding registered information relating to your birth.

All births occurring in New Zealand must be registered in accordance with the law. You are entitled to access information contained in your birth registration through a fee paid request for a birth certificate, and or a birth printout. You may also purchase a copy of the source document relating to the notification of birth, as provided by your parents.

The department will attach notes to your file referring to your correspondence with us regarding your birth registration details, in order to uphold Principle 7 of the Privacy Act 1993.

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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