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Dear Matthew

Official Information Act 1982 request 1819-0513 Statistics on gender changes in passports

I refer to your request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 26 February 2019. This response is provided to you under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested—

Can you please inform me of the exact number of NZ Passport holders each year who changed the gender marker on their passport, from the period 2009 to 2018?

A table of gender changes made by New Zealand passport holders from 2008 to 2018 inclusive is attached to this response as Appendix A.

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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