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Dear Alex Harris

This letter refers to your official information request dated 11 April 2011, requesting the following information:

- 1. On how many occasions since 2005 has the Minister invoked s4A of the Passports Act 1992 and refused to issue a passport on grounds of National Security? If the answer is more than zero, I would like to know for each occasion the year, the specific grounds under s4A(1)(a), and whether the refusal was subsequently challenged.*
- 2. On how many occasions since 2005 has the Minister invoked s8A of the Passports Act 1992 and cancelled a passport on grounds of National Security? If the answer is more than zero, I would like to know for each occasion the year, the specific grounds under s4A(1)(a), and whether the refusal was subsequently challenged.*
- 3. On how many occasions since 2005 has the Minister invoked s27B of the Passports Act 1992 and refused to issue a refugee travel document on grounds of National Security? If the answer is more than zero, I would like to know for each occasion the year, the specific grounds under s27B(1)(a), and whether the refusal was subsequently challenged.*
- 3. On how many occasions since 2005 has the Minister invoked s27E of the Passports Act 1992 and cancelled a refugee travel document on grounds of National Security? If the answer is more than zero, I would like to know for each occasion the year, the specific grounds under s27E(1)(a), and whether the refusal was subsequently challenged.*

This letter is to notify you that the Department is transferring your request to the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA).

This transfer is occurring because the information you requested is believed by the Department to be more closely connected with the functions of the DIA.

Further correspondence on this request will therefore come to you from the DIA. Note that the time limit for responding will be 20 working days from when the DIA receives this transfer from us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form a stylized representation of the name 'Liz McMillan'.

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for Secretary of Labour