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Dear Alex Harris

Official Information Request – Transfer from Department of Labour

The Department of Labour has transferred your request dated 11 April 2012 for official information concerning the number of occasions the Minister of Internal Affairs has invoked sections 4A, 8A, 27B and 27E of the Passports Act 1992.

To date, I can confirm that the Minister of Internal Affairs has not used their power under sections 4A, 27B and 27E of the Passports Act 1992.

Section 8A was used on one occasion in January 2010 by the Minister of Internal Affairs to cancel a New Zealand passport on grounds of national security. The use of section 8A by the Minister on this occasion was not challenged in court, although did attract media attention in 2011.

Yours sincerely

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