



11 February 2014

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Ref: OIA 0794

Dear Mr Harris

This letter refers to your official information request dated and received 11 February 2014, requesting:

- On how many occasions since 2012 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.
- On how many occasions since 2012 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.
- On how many occasions since 2012 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.
- On how many occasions since 2012 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 Ministry is transferring your request to the Department of Internal Affairs in accordance with section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982.

This transfer is occurring because the information you requested is believed by the Ministry to be more closely aligned with the functions of the Department of Internal Affairs.

They have 20 working days from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on this request, and you should expect to hear from them in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Witcombe', written in a cursive style.

Alan Witcombe  
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