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Tēnā koe James

Your Official Information Act request OIA2324-0396

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, which we received on 5 December 2023.

You have asked:

Are there any plans to change the NZ Passport cover to feature English first then Te Reo. If so, what is the date of the change? If not, has this issue been raised since the National led government was sworn in recently? Please provide any/all correspondence relating to this matter.

Will Te Tari Taiwhenua be changing the order of its agency name back to Department of Internal Affairs first then the Te Reo translation 2nd? If so, when will this change come into effect?

In response to your request, there are no plans underway to change the current language format of the New Zealand Passport cover. There are also no plans to change the order of the name of the Department so English appears first. We have not had any conversations or correspondence with the Government on these subjects.

Your request for any/all correspondence on these issues is declined under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information does not exist.

We intend to publish our response to your request on www.dia.govt.nz. The letter, with your personal details removed, will be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the Act's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of Ministers and officials.

If you have any feedback or questions about the Department's response, please let us know at OIA@DIA.govt.nz

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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ann Marie'.

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