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Tēnā koe John

OIA request 23/24 1075 Request for number of amended birth certificates

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 16 June 2024.

You requested –

I wish to know the total number of amended birth certificates made by statutory declaration under the Births, Deaths, Marriages and Relationships Registration Bill 2021 which became active on 15 June 2023.

I do not wish to know any other detail than the total number of amended documents, for privacy reasons.

On 20 June 2024 you were contacted via email for clarification of your request.

A follow up email was sent to you on 1 July 2024 which you responded to on the same day with the clarification of your request.

On 2 July 2024 we advised that any clarification or amendment of a request is considered to be a new request for the purpose of calculating the maximum statutory timeframe for response pursuant to section 15(1AA) of the Act and your request was amended and confirmed as:

- *I would like the number of birth certificates where the sex marker was changed during the specified period. If a breakdown of those changes can be provided, as in M to F, F to M and F to non-binary.*

In response to your request, I can provide you with the following information.

Caveats to data

- The data was collated on 4 July 2024 and is accurate as at this date
- All changes made in 2023 were complete from 15 June 2023
- As the data is extracted from dynamic systems, there may be small variances when compared with prior or future datasets.

**Changes to registered sex completed
15 June 2023 to 4 July 2024**

Year	New gender marker			Total
	F	M	NB	
2023	227	123	67	417
2024	214	172	75	461
Total	441	295	142	878

I must advise that the Department does not record a breakdown of amendments from the original gender to current gender and would require manual assessment of each individual record. Therefore, I must refuse this portion of your request pursuant to section 18(f) that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, the Department has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on its website. All requestor data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available here: <https://www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2>.

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.

Ngā mihi



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