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Our ref: OIA 89127

Dear Mr Thomas

**Official Information Act request – Births, Deaths, Marriages and Relationships Registration Bill**

Thank you for your request dated 30 June 2021 for copies of any advice related to the Births, Deaths, Marriages and Relationships Registration Bill and the impact on the justice system. Your request is being treated in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The consultations necessary to reach a decision on your request are such that a response cannot be made within the original statutory timeframe. For this reason, I am extending the timeframe for the response by an additional 20 working days. The extension is made in accordance with section 15A(1)(b) of the Act. A response will be made as soon as is practicable and no later than 25 August 2021.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to complain to the Ombudsman about the decision to extend the timeframe for the response. The Ombudsman may be contacted by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

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