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Tēnā koe Corey-Jon

OIA request 22/23 0241 Request for information on dual citizenship

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department), by way of partial transfer, from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on 20 September 2022.

You requested –

- 1. Please provide me with the total number of New Zealand Citizens that currently hold Dual Citizenship with Chile.*
- 2. Please provide me with the total number of New Zealand Citizens that currently hold Dual Citizenship with Argentina.*
- 3. Please provide me with the total number of New Zealand Citizens that currently hold Dual Citizenship with Falkland Islands or Malvinas.*
- 4. Please provide me with the total number of New Zealand Citizens that currently hold Dual Citizenship with Brazil.*

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

The Department does not hold information on whether New Zealand citizens hold dual citizenship. Holding citizenship of another country, in addition to New Zealand's, does not affect a person's entitlement to New Zealand citizenship, as such this information is not collected.

Your request is therefore refused in full pursuant to section 18(e) of the Act; that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Should you be interested, there is data released by the Department showing the country of birth for people who have been granted New Zealand citizenship. If this information would be of use to you, you can locate it by going to www.data.govt.nz.

Click on 'Get datasets' (at the top left) then under 'Organisations' (left side of the webpage) click on 'Show More Organisations' and then on 'Department of Internal Affairs'. In the search bar at the top of this webpage, enter 'Country of birth for people granted New Zealand Citizenship' and then press 'Enter'.

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 the DIA 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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