



Te Kawa Mataaho
Public Service Commission

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Official Information Act Transfer

Our ref: PSCR 2025-0595

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 2 June 2025 for:

"I am writing to request copies of the character assessment documents submitted during my application for New Zealand permanent residence and/or citizenship. These documents are now required by the Australian Department of Home Affairs to support my Australian citizenship application. To help locate my records, please find attached:

- *Scans of my current and expired New Zealand passports*
- *A formal request letter from the Australian Department of Home Affairs detailing the required documents*

Personal details:

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I kindly ask for any penal clearance certificates, police records, or character references that were part of my residency or citizenship applications in New Zealand. I have been asked to provide updates or documents within 7 days (due by 6 June 2025). If you require any additional information from my side to process this request, please don't hesitate to let me know.

We have transferred your request to the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) as the information to which your request relates to is believed to be more closely connected with the functions of the DIA. In these circumstances, we are required by section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982 to transfer your request. You will hear further from the DIA concerning your request.

Yours sincerely

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