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Tēnā koe Bob

**OIA request 24/25 0119 Request for data on changes to registered sex on birth certificates.**

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 4 August 2024.

You requested –

*Could you please provide the number of people who have changed their gender on their NZ birth certificate in the first year (since 15 June 2023 – 15 June 2024)*

*Please break it into ages*

- 18+
- 16-17
- 0-15

*Of the 16-17 year olds, how many had consent from a parent/guardian*

*Please also provide the number of male to female, female to male, male to other, female to other.*

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

Please refer to the tables below for the data on changes to registered sex on the New Zealand birth register between 15 June 2023 and 15 June 2024. Please note that birth certificates are printed records of information held on the birth register.

Caveats:

- The data was collated on 12 August 2024 and is accurate at this time.
- The two in the 16 or 17 age group that did not have parent/guardian consent did have a letter of support from a third party.
- As the data is extracted from dynamic systems, there may be small variances when compared with prior or future datasets.

Age group	Total
15 & under	47
16 or 17	66
18+	776
<b>Total</b>	<b>889</b>

	Consent given		
Age group	No	Yes	Total
16 or 17	2	64	66

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. However, please refer to the table below for data on the *marker requested*.

<b>Marker Requested</b>	<b>Count</b>
Female	445
Male	302
Non-binary	142
<b>Total</b>	<b>889</b>

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: [www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2).

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Ngā mihi



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