

Our ref: Fol/202100233201

Hary

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25 August 2021

Dear Hary,

Request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request dated 21 August 2021 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked "Please can you confirm if the birth certificate is traded as a corporation?

Simple Yes/No please"

Response to your request

Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) a request is not valid if it does not, in accordance with section 8(1)(b), state the name of the applicant and an address for correspondence. As your request provides only your first name we do not consider it to be a valid request. Accordingly, we are not obliged to respond to it and we would usually ask you to provide your name (a surname and title, eg Mr or Ms, is sufficient).

However, we think it is simpler if we explain now that extracts from the Register of Births are verified, probative records of every birth that occurs in Scotland, and do not constitute any form of contract or other commercial arrangement between parties.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your FOI request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to:

Information Governance Team
National Records of Scotland
Ladywell House
Ladywell Road
Edinburgh
EH12 7TF

Email: foi@nrscotland.gov.uk

Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review and tell you the result, within 20 working days from the date when we receive your review request.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your rights is available on the Commissioner's website at:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>

Yours sincerely,

NRS FOI Team