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[FOIP] Re: Response Complaints - PAIA Requests - Our Ref SAH-2012-DHA-0001/0003

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Dear Kathryn

I have noted the contents of your e-mail and wish to respond as follows:

- (a) First request - please find the attached copy of the Alterations of Sex Description and Sex Status Act, 43 of 2003. The procedure (and requirements) followed is as contained in section 2 of the Act and certainly the process is to make an application at the local Home Affairs office like any other application and the application will be forwarded to the Head office for adjudication by the Amendments Section.
- (b) second and third requests - transferred to DSD and as confirmed you have received DSD's response;
- (c) fourth - amendments are not classified per category e.g. change of gender and for the Department to check if a person changed his or her gender, they require an identity number. This is because only one function on the population register is used. At this stage not all applications are using track and trace system which generates statistics and therefore, to search for such information it would require identity numbers and this would be an unreasonable diversion of the resources as an official would have to manually collate the information.
- (d) Fifth request - the time taken depends on several factors such as completeness of the application (supporting documents) and further the process for amendment was linked to an identity document application which is now being de-linked. Therefore, the Department would have to determine the average turnaround time based on independent processes recently de-linked.

I trust that the above clarification settles the misunderstanding as indicated in your e-mail.

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