

Adoption Amendment Act 2000

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

- (1) This Act is the Adoption Amendment Act 2000.
- (2) In this Act, the Adoption Act 1955 is called “the principal Act”.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

3 Inspection of adoption records

- (1) Section 23 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, after subsection (2), the following subsection:

- “(2A) Adoption records are open to inspection by a Social Worker for the purpose of preparing a report required under section 23A(1).”
- (2) Section 23(3)(a) of the principal Act is amended by omitting the words “subsection (1) or subsection (2)”, and substituting the words “subsections (1), (2), or (2A)”.

4 New section 23A inserted

The principal Act is amended by inserting, after section 23, the following section:

“23A Report on application for inspection

- “(1) A Court may require a Social Worker to prepare a report following an application for an order under section 23(3)(b) on a ground referred to in subparagraph (iii) of that paragraph (**any other special ground**).
- “(2) A Social Worker preparing a report required under subsection (1)—
- “(a) may consider any information obtained for the purpose, including information in the adoption records concerned and the application for the order; but
 - “(b) may not consider information relating to any party to the adoption or application that was obtained by the Department before the application was made.”

Legislative history

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Divided from the Statutes Amendment Bill (No 7) as reported from the Justice and Electoral Committee (Bill 334-A2), third reading
