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Questions

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On 13 March 2007, a Senior Researcher of the Country Research & Library Services Section contacted the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia, Sydney, to request advice on the procedures for Indonesian citizens renewing passports at the Consulate in 2004. The Senior Researcher spoke to a Consulate Immigration Officer. The following record of conversation is a summary of the advice provided by the Officer:

- 1. What documents were required in 2004 in order to make application for passport renewal?*

An Indonesian citizen who makes application to renew his/her passport must submit the following documents: his/her current Indonesian passport; passport sized photographs of the applicant; and a completed passport renewal application form.

If the Indonesian citizen is visiting Australia on a visitor visa then the applicant must have his/her visa checked. Alternatively, if the applicant holds a residency visa then he/she must provide proof of residency.

- 2. Are any security checks conducted?*

If any concerns are held in regard to the application the applicant will be interviewed and further requests for identity documentation may be made (birth certificate, etc).

3. Are security checks conducted on the applicant's history? (Such as whether the applicant left Indonesia legally or whether the applicant is wanted by the police in Indonesia, etc).

Yes. [The Immigration Officer provided this response in a vague and non-committal manner, and did so only when pressed directly. In responding to an open question about security checks (see Question 2) the Officer made no mention of checks of this kind] (RRT Country Research 2007, Record of conversation with Immigration Officer, Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia, Sydney, 23 November – Attachment 1).

The above record of conversation was sent, for confirmation, to the Indonesian Immigration Officer at Email contact addresses nominated by him. The Officer seemed reluctant to agree to this and was non-committal about when a reply could be expected. A reply was never received (RRT Country Research 2007, Email to Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia, Sydney: 'Information Request IDN31521 – 2004 passports renewal procedures', 13 March – Attachment 2).

List of Sources Consulted

Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia, Sydney

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