

**CIVIL STATUS DIVISION  
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

**COMMUNIQUE**

It has been brought to the attention of this Office that numerous **National Identity Cards** that have been found by members of the public are being posted on Facebook/Social Media.

The attention of the public is therefore drawn to **Section 7A (a) of the National Identity Card Act 1986** and **Section 42 (3) (b) of the Data Protection Act respectively** and which read as follows:

**Section 7A (a) of the National Identity Card Act 1986**

**Lost or mislaid identity card**

Any person who-

- (a) finds an identity card issued in the name of another person unknown to him; or
- (b) after being issued with a new identity card by reason of his identity card being lost, finds the original identity card,

shall, as soon as practicable within 7 working days, return the identity card found to any office designated by the Registrar.

**Section 42 (3) (b) of the Data Protection Act**

**Unlawful disclosure of personal data**

Any person who discloses the data or information to another person, shall commit an offence.

**The public is thereby informed that any National Identity Cards found should be returned to the nearest Civil Status Office or National Identity Card units (Port Louis or Rose Hill) as soon as possible.**

Members of the public are requested to call on the **207-5302** to enquire whether their lost cards have been returned to the Civil Status Division before applying for a new National Identity Card.

**The Registrar of Civil Status  
Civil Status Division  
Prime Minister's Office  
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