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BIRTH CERTIFICATES CELEBRATE NEW ARRIVALS

With panda fever in the air a new birth certificate has been launched featuring two pandas set against a bamboo background.

Attorney-General Michael Atkinson says the certificates celebrate South Australia's newest arrivals - newborn babies and pandas Wang Wang and Funi.

"It really is the year of the panda here in Adelaide and now parents can order a birth certificate for their own new arrivals featuring a special panda design," Mr Atkinson says.

Commemorative birth certificates have been available for a number of years featuring designs such as teddy bears, bunnies, Australian birds and the outback. The new panda certificate is expected to be popular alongside these other certificate designs.

The panda birth certificates are available to anyone born in South Australia, regardless of their current age, provided they show sufficient identification upon application and meet the Access Policy guidelines.

The commemorative certificates come with a legal certificate that can be used for official and identification purposes.

The Attorney reminded consumers that birth certificates are an important piece of identification and South Australian certificates are highly resistant to fraud.

"With the commemorative certificates you also get an official certificate for identification purposes that include state-of-the art security features to deter fraudsters," Mr Atkinson says.

The panda certificates are available from the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Office at a cost of \$55 and gift vouchers for commemorative certificates can also be purchased.

For more information or to make an application visit the Office of Consumer and Business Affairs website at www.ocba.sa.gov.au or visit the Registration Office in person at Level 2, Chesser House, 91-97 Grenfell St, Adelaide. Enquiries can be made to 8204 9599.