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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email, received on 5 March 2025, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting the number of warrants and removals Oranga Tamariki has conducted under sections 39 and 40 of the Oranga Tamariki Act. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Please see our answers to your queries.

The number of warrants for section 39 and section 40 filed in any court of new zealand in the past 12months.

Between March 2024 and February 2025, 249 warrants were carried out under section 39 of the Oranga Tamariki Act, for 244 distinct children. There were no warrants carried out under section 40 recorded in this time period.

How many section 39 and section 40 uplifts have oranga tamariki undertaken in the last 12months

The term 'uplift' is commonly used to refer to when tamariki and rangatahi come into the care of the Oranga Tamariki Chief Executive; this is not a term used by Oranga Tamariki.

The number of entries into the care of the Oranga Tamariki Chief Executive under section 39 of the Oranga Tamariki Act between March 2024 and February 2025 is 233, which includes 232 distinct children. There were no entries into care under section 40 recorded for this time period.

Please note that these figures are operational data and subject to change. A child may have two or more entry episodes in the reporting period, and may therefore be counted more than once. The date of entry to care is the date of the first legal order in each episode.

Oranga Tamariki may make the information contained in this letter available to the public by publishing this on our website with your personal details removed.

I trust you find this information useful. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise them with Oranga Tamariki. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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