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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email, received on 13 March 2025, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting information on budgeted spend for contracted services in the 2024/25 financial year, following on from our response to your previous request, sent on 25 February 2025. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

You have requested:

- In reference to Appendix Two provided, we wish to query the inability to provide a budgeted spend per Output Class and Programme Type (per the fields supplied in Appendix Two) for contracted services in the 24/25 year. It seems unlikely that this information wouldn't be readily available given that we are now reaching Q4 of the financial year and that information contained in the same OIA indicated that contracting decisions were made in August 2024 (Appendix One, p.37). While the information may not be available for specific Service Types (per the fields supplied in Appendix Two), our request did indicate we would like this information for larger categories if more detailed information was not available.*

Are you able to provide this information at a higher categorisation than Service Type for the 24/25 financial year?

The requested information does not exist at service type level as provided for earlier financial years in our previous response or at a higher summary level. As Oranga Tamariki does not categorise the information you are requesting in any formats that would be suitable, providing relevant material would constitute creation of information.

As such, your request is refused under section 18(g)(i), on the grounds that the information is not held by Oranga Tamariki, nor is it held by another department.

Information on the spend for 2024/25 financial year will be available in the 2024/25 Oranga Tamariki Annual Report.

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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 be happy to speak with you about it and any further questions you might have. My email address is jesse.roth@ot.govt.nz.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Roth', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jesse Roth
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Commissioning and Investment