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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email, received on 7 April 2026, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting further information on waiata groups. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

You have requested:

I have been informed there may be something on Wednesdays relating to Waiata?

Really simple clarification but could you let me know if staff are allowed to do Waiata practice using staff time, as in not outside their working hours? If so could you please let me know how many hours or half hours this is a week.

The Oranga Tamariki National Office does have a waiata group. This group meets once a week during staff's own time on their lunch break.

To clarify, our previous response refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act was due to the fact that no meetings, correspondence, decisions, or policies relating to this group exist, not due to the lack of a waiata group.

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.

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I trust you find this information useful. If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@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



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