

20 April 2026

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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email, received on 2 April 2026, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting information on discretionary payments. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

You have requested:

Please provide an anonymised list of all discretionary payments offered [...] Oranga Tamariki, [...] dating back to 1 January 2021.

Please specify [...] the basis for each payment, the amount of each payment (broken down where possible, in cases involving a discretionary payment that has been offered to cover multiple matters), and the date the payment was offered. Please also include the final amount paid in those cases where there was a review of the amount originally offered.

I do not require the names of junior staff, or any contact details.

On 9 April 2026, you refined your request as follows:

Please narrow my request to discretionary payments relating to redress.

We have interpreted “discretionary payments” to refer to claims managed by Oranga Tamariki that were resolved prior to the establishment of a formal redress process. During this period, claims were considered through an ex-gratia approach. These payments were made in recognition of the Crown’s failings and the inability to keep survivors safe from harm while they were in state care. The payments were not made because of legal liability but were provided in fulfilment of a moral obligation.

Since Oranga Tamariki implemented a redress system, we have made no further discretionary payments.

Please find the information you have requested in the table below. As requested, the information below has been anonymised, with each recipient listed as Payee A, Payee B, etc.

Payee	Amount paid	Date offered
Payee A	\$20,000	29/10/2021
Payee B	\$6,000	3/2/2022
Payee C	\$6,000	3/2/2022
Payee D	\$10,000	23/6/2023
Payee E	\$10,000	23/6/2023

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. 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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