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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email, received on 28 May 2026, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting information on Budget 2026 savings and potential workforce changes. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

I have responded to your requests as follows:

- 1. The agency's Budget 2026 savings options paper(s) or initiative bids submitted to the Treasury or the Minister between 1 September 2025 and 19 May 2026.*

We have interpreted this request as a request for savings options and savings related budget initiatives. Oranga Tamariki has not created any such documents, therefore this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

- 2. Any document showing any FTE reduction expected at the agency as a result of Budget 2026, broken down by business group, function, or location to the extent that breakdown exists.*

Oranga Tamariki does not hold any documents within scope of this aspect of your request. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

- 3. Any document held by the agency that defines or identifies which of its roles are considered 'frontline' and which are not, for the purpose of the Budget 2026 exercise.*

Oranga Tamariki does not hold any documents within scope of this aspect of your request. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

- 4. Any business case, modelling, or analysis dated between 1 September 2025 and present concerning the use of AI, automation, or digital tools to replace, reduce, or substitute roles within the agency.*

No business case, modelling, or analysis has been carried out by Oranga Tamariki for the purposes outlined above. Therefore, this aspect of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

- 5. Any change proposal, indicative structure document, or consultation document issued to staff or unions on or before the date of this request relating to the Budget 2026 savings exercise.*

Oranga Tamariki does not hold any documents within scope of this aspect of your request. Therefore, this request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

- 6. Correspondence between the Chief Executive (or equivalent) and the Minister, the Treasury, or the Public Service Commissioner between 1 January 2026 and present concerning the savings exercise or workforce reductions.*

This aspect of your request has been refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is or will soon be publicly available, through the release of documents from the New Zealand Treasury and the Public Service Commission.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N. Pole', written over a light grey rectangular background.

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