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Thank you for your email, received on 15 July 2026, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting information around our usage of Palantir technologies and related products. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

You have requested:

1. Please state whether the agency has held any contract, purchase order, licence, subscription, support agreement, statement of work, trial, pilot, demonstration, proof of concept or evaluation access involving Palantir Technologies or any Palantir-related product or service during this period.

2. If the answer to item 1 is yes, please provide:

- * annual total expenditure by financial year;*
- * number of contracts or arrangements;*
- * start and end dates, where releasable;*
- * supplier or reseller name, where releasable;*
- * general capability area, where releasable;*
- * whether any New Zealand-based subcontractor, implementation partner, cloud provider, consultant or systems integrator was involved;*
- * The number of Palantir employees who have been forward deployed by their company to work with the agency, broken down by calendar year since the beginning of engagements.*

3. Please provide any briefings, procurement papers, governance papers, privacy assessments, legal reviews, data-governance documents, risk assessments or Ministerial briefings from 1 January 2024 to the date of this request that discuss Palantir or Palantir-related systems. If these documents cannot be released, please provide a summary or a list of information held.

4. If the agency refuses to confirm or deny the existence of any information, please provide the statutory basis for that refusal and explain whether any part of the request can still be answered at an aggregate

level, such as annual expenditure bands, document counts, broad capability categories or whether no information is held.

5. If exact values, supplier identities, operational details or technical details are withheld, please provide document titles, dates, authoring units, recipients, non-sensitive summaries and the specific withholding grounds relied on.

Oranga Tamariki does not currently use Palantir technologies or services, and have no commercial relationship with them. We are also not evaluating them currently for any future use.

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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