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s9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email, received on 11 August 2026, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting Oranga Tamariki's mahere reo. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

You have requested:

- s9(2)(a) *is contacting you to make a request under the Official Information Act for a copy of your current mahere reo.*

Oranga Tamariki does not currently have a Māori Language Plan, and as such your request is refused under section 18(e) in that the information requested does not exist, and despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

We do, however, have a comprehensive cultural capability programme that aligns to the Whāinga Amorangi Programme-Māori Crown relations capability of the public sector. Our programme focuses on growing our cultural capability toward a high degree of cultural maturity.

Please see [here](#) for further information around how we work with Māori.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'mmalyon'.

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System Leadership**