

27 May 2021

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 1 May 2021 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Does the organisation carry out drugs and alcohol testing (among employees or other persons)?*
- *If drug and alcohol testing does take place at the organisation:*
 - *Who currently provides the testing service i.e., name of service provider(s)?*
 - *For each (named) service provider:*
 - *What is the nature of the drug & alcohol testing service delivered e.g., saliva, urine, breath and alcohol and synthetic cannabinoids?*
 - *In what geographic location(s) is the service delivered?*
 - *Is the service provided under contract? If yes:*
 - *How many contracts does the provider have with your organisation?*
 - *What is the term of that/those contract(s)?*
 - *What is the dollar value of that/those contract(s)?*
 - *Are there options for renewing that/those contract(s)?*

- *What organisation(s)/company(ies) previously conducted drug and alcohol testing for your organisation (repeat all of 'b' for previous service providers)?*

We do not have a record of any Oranga Tamariki employee undergoing drug or alcohol testing, under Oranga Tamariki instruction, in our database.

The link below may be of interest to you which details the steps taken if an employee were suspected of drug or alcohol use, and copies of the Oranga Tamariki Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Policy.

<https://www.orangatamariki.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/About-us/Report-and-releases/OIA-responses/OT-Drug-Testing-Policy.pdf>

Oranga Tamariki intends to make the information contained in this letter available to the wider public shortly. We will do this by publishing this letter on our website. Your personal details will be deleted and we will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@ot.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. 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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