



30 November 2021



Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 3 November 2021 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *I'm following up to request under the Official Information Act the Budget allocated funding and expenditure for the Crown response to the Royal Commission into abuse in care for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/2021 and 2021/22 for the following agencies:*
 - ACC
 - Crown Law Office
 - Ministry of Social Development.

- *I understand that the inter-agency group responsible for working-level oversight of the Crown response is made up of representatives of the agencies directly involved in State care, or holding key records about care history, namely:*
 - ACC
 - Archives New Zealand
 - Crown Law Office
 - Department of Corrections
 - Ministry of Education
 - Ministry of Health
 - Ministry of Justice
 - Ministry of Social Development
 - New Zealand Police
 - Oranga Tamariki
 - Public Service Commission
 - Te Puni Kōkiri.

- *Can you please confirm or correct this?*

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ACC, Archives New Zealand, Crown Law Office, Department of Corrections, Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Social Development, New Zealand Police, Oranga Tamariki, Public Service Commission, and Te Puni Kōkiri are all involved in the Crown Response to the Abuse in Care Inquiry. However, not all agencies involved in the Crown Response have been funded to respond to the Royal Commission Abuse in Care Inquiry. They have participated in the work in different ways using their general funds, and so we do not have detailed expenditure information for them. For the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/2021 and 2021/22 ACC, Crown Law Office, and the Ministry of Social Development did not receive Crown Response funding.

Crown Law has at different times been asked to provide legal advice and input to the Crown Response, it then bills the Crown Secretariat for that work. The Crown Secretariat as part of its total funding holds money to pay for legal support. Please find below a table outlining the Crown Secretariat's expenditure on Crown Law for the years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, and 2021/22 (2021/22 spend is for the year to 30 September 2021, the last full month for which financial data was available).

Financial year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/21
Crown Secretariat's expenditure on Crown Law.	\$29,813	\$511,897	\$773,433	\$96,282

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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