

6 October 2023

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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 15 August 2023 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting information around settlements that have been paid out to staff and non-disclosure agreements. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

I have addressed each of your questions below.

How many settlements have been paid out to staff for complaints against the department/agency over the last year, the last five years and the last ten years?

How many of those settlements included non-disclosure agreements?

Please see the below table which shows the number of settlements that have been paid out to staff for complaints since 2017.

Oranga Tamariki formally came into existence in November 2017, therefore we have provided data on the settlements that have been paid since that date. We are unable to provide data prior to that date and therefore we are refusing that part of your request under 18(g) of the Act, as we do not hold the information. You may wish to contact the Ministry for Social Development as they could hold information relevant to your request.

Year	Number of settlements
2018	0
2019	5
2020	5
2021	8
2022	11
2023	7

All of the above settlements included non-disclosure agreements.

I trust the information provided is useful. I encourage you to raise any concerns about this response with us directly by contacting OIA_Requests@ot.govt.nz. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman by contacting them on 0800 802 602 or www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cassandra Anderson', written in a cursive style.

Cassandra Anderson
Deputy Chief Executive, People, Culture and Enabling Services