

30 January 2024

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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 11 December 2023 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting information held regarding Wahi Adoption Service. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

You have requested:

*Please provide all correspondence between Oranga Tamariki and the organisation known as Wahi Adoption Services / Adoption is Love in the establishment of the relationship between Oranga Tamariki and the organisation.*

*Please provide all documentation on the type and extent of Wahi Adoption Services provision of "Support through Oranga Tamariki, Ministry for Children".*

*Please provide all documentation on the relationship between Wahi Adoption Services and Oranga Tamariki and the provision of adoption services described as: "Assisting adoptive families with adoption processes."*

*Wahi Adoption Services says: "We are here to guide, support, and answer any inquiries you may have. Your journey, questions, and concerns are important to us." Please provide documentation on the training of Wahi Adoption Services personnel.*

*Please provide the legal basis for Wahi Adoption Services to provide adoption services.*

Oranga Tamariki has completed a thorough check of the adoption services providers on which it holds information. I can confirm Oranga Tamariki does not hold the correspondence or documentation requested regarding Wahi Adoption Service, and there is no evidence to suggest any relationship between them and the Ministry.

As such, Oranga Tamariki is unable to comment on the training of Wahi Adoption Services staff or provide any legal basis around the services they provide.

Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist and despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Oranga Tamariki may make the information available to the public by publishing this letter on our website with your personal details removed.

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](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Julie Miller', written in a cursive style.

Julie Miller  
**General Manager**  
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