

26 July 2022

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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 28 June 2022 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *How many reports/notifications made in the last five years (2018 -22 if possible, or 2017 – 21) have been accepted by Oranga Tamariki as actual reports of concern (by age and ethnicity).*
- *How many of those reports of concern have been sent to site offices for follow up?(by age and ethnicity).*

For clarity, I will respond to each part of your request in turn.

- *How many reports/notifications made in the last five years (2018 -22 if possible, or 2017 – 21) have been accepted by Oranga Tamariki as actual reports of concern (by age and ethnicity).*

Please see **Table One** in **Appendix A**, showing the number of children or rangatahi who are the subject of a report of concern, broken down by financial year 2017 to 2021 and age group.

Please see **Table Two** in **Appendix A**, showing the number of children or rangatahi who are the subject of a report of concern broken down by financial year 2017 to 2021 and ethnicity.

- *How many of those reports of concern have been sent to site offices for follow up?(by age and ethnicity).*

Reports of Concern are created when professionals, members of the public or others contact Oranga Tamariki concerned about the wellbeing or safety of a child or young

person. Reports of Concern are initially assessed by our National Contact Centre and those requiring further action are provided to the relevant site.

Further action in the vast majority of cases involves assessing needs and connecting whānau with support. It is only in the most serious of circumstances that children need to enter care, on when this happens, we work hard to enable them to remain safely in the care of wider whānau. More information about Reports of Concern and assessment can be found on our website:

www.practice.orangatamariki.govt.nz/core-practice/practice-tools/intake-decision-response-tool/report-of-concern-response-timeframe/

www.practice.orangatamariki.govt.nz/policy/assessment/

www.practice.orangatamariki.govt.nz/our-work/assessment-and-planning/assessments/intake-and-early-assessment

[Allegations of harm in care or custody | Practice Centre | Oranga Tamariki](#)

[Allegations of harm to tamariki by caregivers | Practice Centre | Oranga Tamariki](#)

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

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review this decision. Information regarding this process is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

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Appendix A

Table One: Reports of Concerns by financial year 2017 – 2021 and age group.

The "Reports of Concern" tables show the sum of children or young people with a report of concern, by financial year and age group. Some children and young people may have more than one report of concern in the period shown.							
Financial Year	0 - 1yr	2yrs - 4yrs	5yrs - 9yrs	10yrs - 13yrs	14yrs +	Unknown	Total
F2017	10,164	14,617	24,962	17,178	11,811	3,108	81,840
F2018	10,715	15,718	27,597	19,753	15,153	3,314	92,250
F2019	10,180	14,402	25,302	19,225	14,996	3,155	87,260
F2020	9,349	13,450	23,090	18,013	13,986	3,040	80,928
F2021	8,254	12,267	20,930	18,459	15,196	2,847	77,953

Table Two: Report of Concerns by financial year 2017 – 2021 and ethnicity.

The "Reports of Concern" tables show the sum of children or young people with a report of concern, by financial year and ethnicity. Some children and young people may have more than one report of concern in the period shown.						
Financial Year	Māori	Māori/Pacific	Pacific	NZ Euro/Other	Unknown	Total
F2017	39,191	5,163	7,026	24,307	6,153	81,840
F2018	43,758	5,770	8,088	27,326	7,308	92,250
F2019	40,830	5,609	7,621	26,922	6,278	87,260
F2020	38,754	4,953	5,935	25,426	5,860	80,928
F2021	36,011	4,785	5,745	24,691	6,721	77,953