

22 May 2023

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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 9 February 2023 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting information around the 6 February incident at Te Puna Wai Youth Justice Residence. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

You have requested:

- *How many times have police been called to the facility in the last 6 months / 12 months? For each incident, please give the reason why.*
- *How many times has the tactical response unit been called to the facility in the last 6 months / 12 months? For each incident, please give the reason why.*
- *How many staff have been injured while working at the facility in the last 6 months / 12 months? For each instance, please provide how said injury was sustained, the nature of the injury, the severity of it, and whether it required hospital treatment.*

You have been advised that we have transferred the first two questions of your request to the New Zealand Police under section 14(b)(i) of the Act, as we believed that the information was not held by Oranga Tamariki, but is held by the New Zealand Police.

- *How many staff have been injured while working at the facility in the last 6 months / 12 months? For each instance, please provide how said injury was sustained, the nature of the injury, the severity of it, and whether it required hospital treatment.*

We can confirm there were 139 injury reports from staff (including casual staff and contractors) recorded from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, affecting 81 staff members. 61 of these reports were from September 2022 to March 2023, affecting 42 staff members.

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These injury reports are recorded across four main injury types: accidents, sports and recreation, assaults and restraint related. As this figure represents the total of all injuries sustained, please note that some staff may have reported multiple injuries during this time period, all of which would have been recorded separately. This figure may also increase as some reported injuries from the final week of March 2023 are yet to be recorded in our systems.

We are unable to provide detail on how each injury was sustained, the nature and severity of each injury and whether hospital treatment was needed. Providing such specific information around each injury could potentially breach the privacy of the individuals involved. Accordingly, this is declined under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of individuals.

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.

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



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