



17 March 2021

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 16 February 2021 to the Ministry of Social Development (MSD), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

- *As at, 01 March 2013, what is the total number of children who were in care of Oranga Tamariki, in the Timaru district, for the following age groups.*
 - *0-4 years of age,*
 - *5-9 years of age and,*
 - *10-14 years of age.*

On 17 February 2021, MSD transferred your request, in full, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) for response, in accordance with section 14 of the Act.

Oranga Tamariki reports on the number of children in our care or custody per financial quarter and, as such, can provide you with this figure as at, 31 March 2013. Please refer to the table below for the total number of children and young people in the care or custody of Oranga Tamariki for the Timaru Site, broken down by age group, as at, 31 March 2013.

Age group	Number of children/young people
0 – 4 years of age	18
5 – 9 years of age	26
10 – 14 years of age	35
Total	79

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@ot.govt.nz.

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If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to ask the 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

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

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