



**ORANGA TAMARIKI**  
Ministry for Children

# Oranga Tamariki Performance Report

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Quarter One 2025/26

## Purpose of this report

The Oranga Tamariki Performance Report outlines progress made during Quarter One of the 2025/26 financial year across our performance areas. The report is made up of the following sections:

1. **Quarter One performance context.** Update on key care and protection and youth justice system statistics.
2. **Hine Wawata – Our Performance System.** How Oranga Tamariki is measuring progress against impacts set out in Hine Wawata.
3. **Appropriation measures.** How Oranga Tamariki is performing against measures related to our funded functions and activities.
4. **Financial performance.** How we are tracking budget expectations.

This report should be read alongside the [Performance against Ministerial Priorities Report – Quarter One 2025/26](#).

## 2025/26 Quarter One highlights

We know our challenges, and we have improvement plans in place. But system limits mean pushing harder won't solve everything. Across our work, there are strong signs of progress. These results reflect progress, but also the reality that systemic pressures require more than simply working harder – they demand smarter, sustainable system-level solutions.

- **Oranga Tamariki met or exceeded the standard for 14 appropriation measures**, with notable success in adoption, connection and advocacy, and transition support services. No child required an out-of-home placement after receiving intensive response services, and placement stability and gateway assessments exceeded standards. Prevention and early support improved, with contracted services meeting targets and funding directed to iwi and Māori organisations – reinforcing cultural responsiveness.
- **Ministerial advice largely met standards**, though timeliness for OIA responses fell due to external consultation delays. Actions underway include indicating urgency when engaging with external partners to improve timeliness and maintain quality advice.
- **There are continued challenges in responding to Reports of Concern within agreed timeframes and reducing the number of young people held in Police custody.** Targeted initiatives are underway to address timeliness, including the Resolute About Safety programme. Youth Justice Services and Residential Care are making efforts to expand community-based options such as supported bail, which will help encourage police and the courts to support bail.

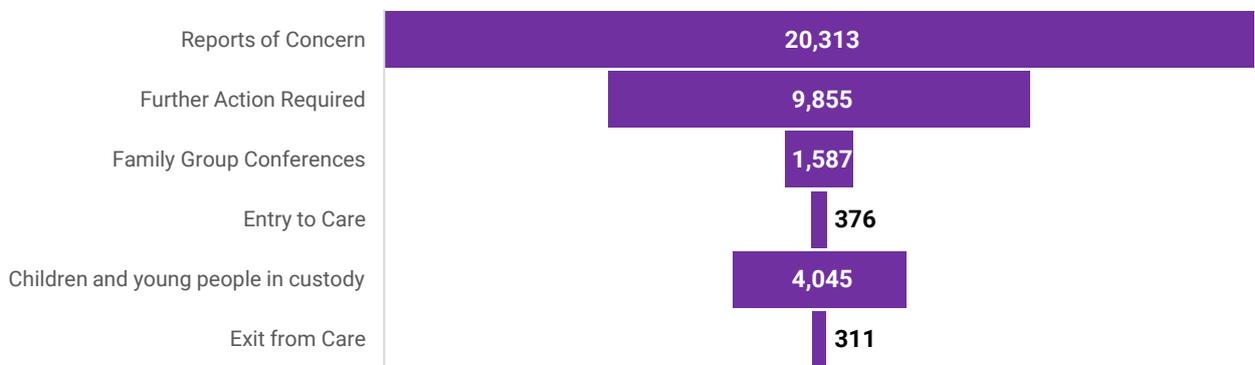
# Section 1: Performance context

## Care and Protection

In Quarter One, we responded to 27,813 care and protection reports of concern for 20,313 children (similar volumes to Quarter One 2024/25). Thirty-nine percent of these reports required further action from a social worker. There were 1,587 children who had a care and protection family group conference (FGC) and 376 children entered our care and protection. As at 30 September 2025, there were 4,045 children and young people in care.

Figure 1 below shows the number of children and young people in the care and protection system for Quarter One 2025/26.

**Figure 1 – Care and Protection System Volumes (total in Q1 2025/26)**



## Youth Justice

During Quarter One, we held youth justice family group conferences for 719 young people. More young people exited (184) than entered (171) our youth justice custody as part of the youth justice system. As at 30 September 2025, there were 143 young people in Youth Justice Custody.

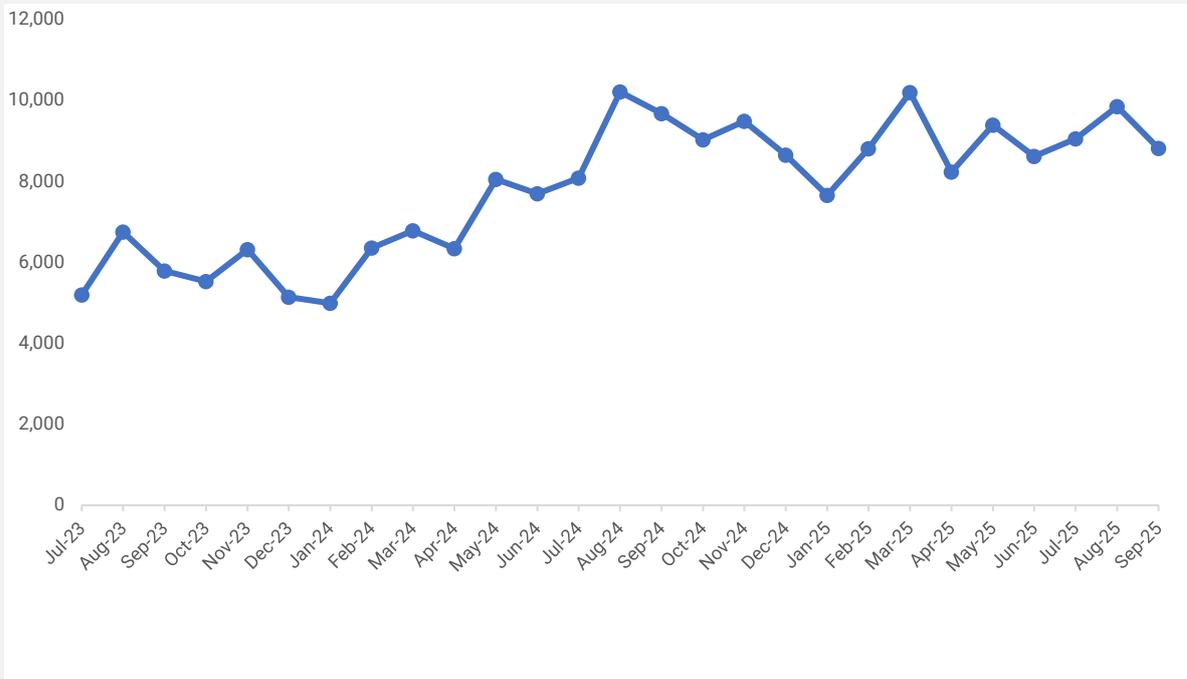
Figure 2 below shows the number of young people in the Youth Justice system for Quarter One, 2025/26.

**Figure 2 – Youth Justice System Volumes (total in Q1 2025/26)**



## Reports of Concern volumes remain very high

In Quarter One (July to September 2025) 27,813 reports of concern were received – 12 percent above the forecast (24,692) but almost the same as Quarter One 2024/25 volumes (27,961). Seasonal trends persist – with August recording the second highest monthly volumes since Oranga Tamariki started (9849), following March 2025 (10,195).



Looking ahead we expect seasonal variations to impact Quarter Two. We also note that policy changes, including implementing recommendations from Dame Karen Poutasi’s review, may further influence these volumes.

For more detailed analysis on the drivers of reports of concern volumes see: [Understanding the increase in reports of concern | Oranga Tamariki – Ministry for Children](#)

## Section 2: Performance against Hine Wawata

### Hine Wawata – a new approach to understanding our performance

We reported against the Oranga Tamariki performance system, **Hine Wawata** (our child-centred performance system), for the first time in our Annual Report 2024/25.<sup>1</sup> This section marks the first instance of quarterly progress reporting for Quarter One 2025/26 against Hine Wawata through **He Ringaringa Mōu** (our organisation and system performance focus), ensuring that our internal efforts are clearly connected to the experiences and outcomes of tamariki and rangatahi.

We interpret our results using the following:

- **On track** – performance is on track to meet desired trend,
- **Monitoring** – performance is stable without positive movement,
- **Off track** – performance is trending against the desired trend.

**Appendix One** includes Quarter One He Ringaringa Mōu measures, why these are important, desired trends and results with comparisons to 2024/25.

#### ***Our performance was stable across most measures with no significant improvement in performance – and two measures being off-track***

The below table summarises Quarter One 2025/26 results and trends compared with 2024/25. The number of contracted service providers measure is not reported in Quarter One as it is an annual measure.

He Ringaringa Mōu Performance Impact	Measure	Desired Trend	2024/25	Q1 2025/26	Q1 Trend
Practice Protects	Initial Tiaki Oranga (safety & wellbeing assessment) completed on time	↗	43%	41%	↘ OFF TRACK
	Tamariki and rangatahi with an allocated social worker	↗	71%	71%	→
Partners Deliver	Out of home placement with family or whānau	↗	49%	49%	→
System Prevents	Tamariki and rangatahi who enter care per month	↘	119	119	→
	Renotification within 12 months where NFA or referred to a partner	↘	41%	43%	↗ OFF TRACK

Overall, results indicate that while performance is steady, further efforts are needed to drive positive change in performance against these measures. The two measures that were off-track in Quarter One are discussed below.

<sup>1</sup> [Oranga Tamariki Annual Report 2024/25](#)

***Our completion of Tiaki Oranga (safety and wellbeing assessment) on time has declined***

Measure	Desired Trend	2024/25	Q1 2025/26	Q1 Trend
Initial safety wellbeing assessment completed on time	 INCREASE	43%	41%	 OFF TRACK

Tiaki Oranga is a new tool, introduced in February 2025, which is used to understand current safety, harm and risk following a report of concern, a youth justice referral or an application for caregiving or adoption. It supports staff to understand the different views of safety and what is impacting on the wellbeing of children and families.

This measure fluctuates. Work is underway to complete a case file analysis of a sample of children for whom a critical or very urgent safety and wellbeing assessment was late between 1 June and 31 August 2025. The aim is to provide a high-level view of the quality of practice and decision-making.

***Renotification within 12 months has increased***

Measure	Desired Trend	2024/25	Q1 2025/26	Q1 Trend
Renotification within 12 months where no further action was required, or support was referred to a partner	 DECREASE	41%	43%	 OFF TRACK

Oranga Tamariki alone cannot prevent harm to children and young people, but we want to use every opportunity to prevent and address harm. We do our very best to respond to safety concerns as they arise. For this reason, we monitor children and young people who are renotified after no further action (NFA) was required or support was referred to partners. This is an increase of two percent from the 2024/25 result.

We currently have little visibility as to whether referrals to the community for support are actioned. It only becomes apparent that they have not been if a renotification is made due to escalating concerns, while the success of partners in picking up NFAs remains invisible. The lack of visibility of what happens with NFAs currently does not serve either tamariki or partners well, as tamariki are not assured to get the support they and their whānau need to prevent escalation of concerns, while the work of partners in reducing need is not currently adequately measured or understood.

An addition is underway to our recording system that will allow us to identify referrals to community support that are not contracted by Oranga Tamariki. This will enable targeted follow-up analysis around renotification rates.

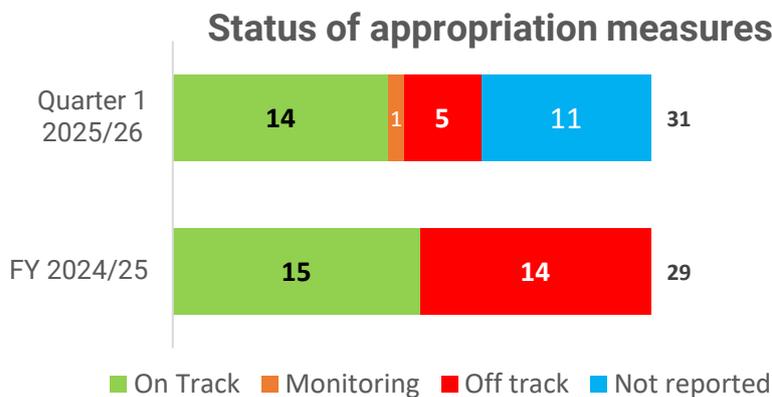
## Section 3: Performance against appropriation measures

Our appropriation measures indicate how Oranga Tamariki is performing in delivering the core services and activities we are funded for. We assess this performance against 31 appropriation measures within Vote Oranga Tamariki.<sup>2</sup>

The graph below shows the status of Quarter One 2025/26 appropriation measures in comparison with 2024/25 results. The results are interpreted as:

- **On track** – performance is meeting or exceeding standards,
- **Monitoring** – emerging risks to performance are being monitored,
- **Off track** – performance is not meeting the standard,
- **Not reported** – data is not yet available for quarterly reporting.

**Appendix Two** presents Quarter One results for reported appropriation measures along with commentary and comparisons against 2024/25 results.



### Not all appropriation measures can be reported on a quarterly basis

There are 11 appropriation measures that are not reported for Quarter One. Five National Care Standard Lead Indicators will be reported in Quarter Two, following the first round of case file analysis for 2025/26. The remaining six measures are annual measures.<sup>3</sup> Results for these measures will be reported in our Annual Report 2025/26.

### In Quarter One Oranga Tamariki faced persistent challenges in meeting performance standards for five key measures

There are five 'Off-Track' appropriation measures in Quarter One of FY2025/26.

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<sup>2</sup> Based on amendment through Supplementary Estimates process, April 2025 for proposed changes to 2024/25 Vote Oranga Tamariki appropriation measures to be reflected in 2024/25 Oranga Tamariki Annual Report.

<sup>3</sup> Results for ministerial services, policy, financial and abuse in care redress appropriation measures will be reported in the 2025/26 Annual Report.

### **Responding to critical and very urgent ROCs within operational timeframes**

Measure	Standard	2024/25	Q1 result	Q1 status
Critical or very urgent reports of concern, addressed within operational timeframes	95%	85%	<b>84%</b>	<b>OFF TRACK</b>

Responding to critical and very urgent safety assessments is a priority for Oranga Tamariki, irrespective of set timeframes. Despite a focus on increasing response timeframes, even in high workload environments, performance, while consistent between 80% and 90%, has been decreasing since late 2024/early 2025.

Meeting report of concern timeframes has become more challenging due to the high volume of Reports of Concern and workforce pressures. Key contributing factors include a high number of Reports of Concern (see insert above) and the ease to which Oranga Tamariki can gather initial information quickly. Workforce pressures include the shortage of qualified and registered social workers, particularly in areas away from main population centres. This impedes social workers' ability to respond to multiple ROCs in quick succession.<sup>4</sup>

In 2024/25 Oranga Tamariki launched the *Resolute About Safety* programme that puts continued emphasis on timeliness. Technology investments including the planned FTSU upgrade provide further efficiency opportunities. We are seeing better and clearer responsiveness to child safety in social worker practice with safety needs addressed in most cases and social workers carrying out agreed-to follow-up actions most of the time. Oranga Tamariki is working to develop recommendations and action plans based on insights work findings to understand factors that impact timely responses.

Oranga Tamariki have recently developed the first phase of a Strategic Workforce Analysis tool, and are in the setting up a system, including a temporary role, to lead working with the tool to support efficiencies and flexibility within the current Oranga Tamariki workforce.

### **Out of home placement with family/whānau**

Measure	Standard	2024/25	Q1 result	Q1 status
The percentage of children in out of home placement for more than three months, who are placed with family/whānau, will be at least 58%	58%	50%	<b>50%</b>	<b>OFF TRACK</b>

While maintaining family connections is important, our priority is the safety and wellbeing of children. Despite ongoing practice and efforts to place children in whānau placements, we have found when accounting for safety, willingness, capacity and capability, this measure is often below the current standard.

Improvements have been made in strengthening tamariki Māori connection with their marae, hapū and iwi. In 2025/26, the focus is on increasing care capacity and

<sup>4</sup> The current impact of data and recording issues remains unclear.

addressing persistent placement challenges through the Integrated Care Response initiative.

This measure does not fully reflect our priority and is currently being reviewed.

**Young people held on remand placed within the community**

Measure	Standard	2024/25	Q1 result	Q1 status
The percentage of young people held on remand who are placed within their community will be at least 30%	30%	24%	<b>24%</b>	<b>OFF TRACK</b>

While there are benefits for young people when they can be placed within their home communities, we are required to balance their wellbeing with public safety and the interests of victims. There are times when being placed in their own community is not legally possible, for example due to conditions imposed by the courts. Placement decisions are also determined by availability and early 2025 saw high levels of arrests and young people in Police custody, resulting in high demand on the network.

**Supported accommodation places available to young people**

Measure	Standard	2024/25	Q1 result	Q1 status
The number of supported accommodation places available to young people will be at least 150	150	148	<b>134</b>	<b>OFF TRACK</b>

Supported accommodation helps young people under 25 access safe accommodation after they leave our care.

In 2025/26 we do not have the required resources to increase placements and meet the standard. We are currently reviewing this measure to consider whether a focus on the utilisation of supported accommodation would better reflect our impact – rather than the number of placements available.

**Young people held in police custody over 24 hours**

Measure	Standard	2024/25	Q1 result	Q1 status
The number of young people held in police custody for more than 24 hours will be less than 140	140	227	<b>263</b>	<b>OFF TRACK</b>

This measure is a helpful indicator but decisions to oppose bail or remand a young person in custody, which impacts demand for custodial beds, are not in the control of Oranga Tamariki.

- Early 2025 saw high numbers of arrests and young people in police custody, which this result demonstrates. This coincides with an ongoing trend where in some locations police are more likely to oppose bail.
- Safety and wellbeing are a priority in placement decisions, and there can be a delay in an appropriate placement option becoming available or being able to transport the young person. In these instances, while remaining in police custody beyond 24 hours is not ideal, it is the safest place for the young person as they are supervised and supported.

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Youth Justice Services and Residential Care are making efforts to expand community-based options such as supported bail, which will help encourage police and the courts to support bail. We are also looking for potential solutions to improve escorting processes.

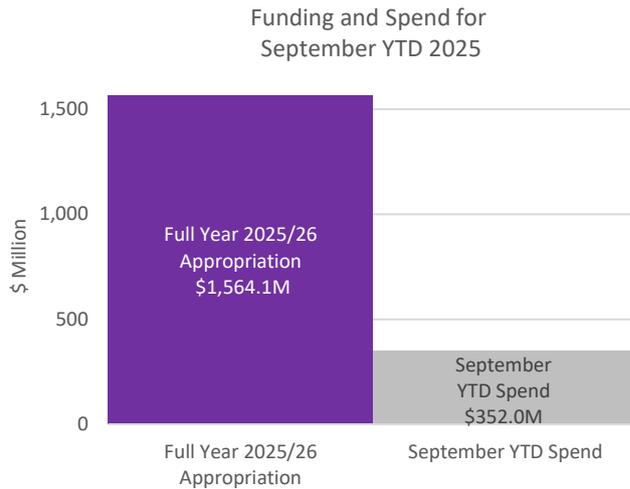
This measure has not been updated over the years to reflect the raised youth justice age range or increasing complexity of cases and is currently being reviewed.

## Section 4: Financial performance

### Funding summary

The Oranga Tamariki appropriated departmental baseline funding for 2025/26 is **\$1,562.2** million. Funding is allocated across three areas:

- Personnel – 38 percent
- Administration – 16 percent
- Third party children’s expenditure – 46 percent



### ***Quarter One expenditure was on track with budgeted expectations***

Our year-to-date expenditure of **\$352** million is in line with budgeted expectations as at 30 September 2025 and is **23 percent** of the total **\$1,562.2 million** appropriated departmental funding for 2025/26 as shown in figure above.

# Appendix One: Oranga Tamariki Organisational Performance He Ringaringa Mōu Measures reported in Quarter One 2025/26

Measure	Why is this measure important?	Desired trend	2024/25 result	Q1 2025/26 Result & Status	How have we performed in Q1?
<b>Practice protects</b>					
<b>Safety is paramount</b> – We work relationally, inclusively & restoratively with tamariki & whānau to take action together to protect te tamaiti every time we are concerned about their safety or wellbeing					
Percentage of tamariki and rangatahi who have their initial Tiaki Oranga completed on time.	When a concern is raised about te tamaiti, assessing tamaiti safety as quickly and effectively as possible is the principal responsibility of Oranga Tamariki. This is why our primary measure focuses on all initial Tiaki Oranga – it is our first interaction with te tamaiti and it sets the trajectory for tamaiti safety and oranga	Trending up	43%	41% <b>Off track</b>	Refer to Section 2 of this report.
<b>Oranga is a journey</b> – So tamariki-whānau oranga and its potential is protected					
Proportion of tamariki and rangatahi with an allocated social worker	To truly support an oranga-focused journey and protect its potential, Oranga Tamariki must ensure every tamaiti has strong relationships with those that matter to them – starting with ensuring they have an allocated social worker. A social worker plays a vital role in helping te tamaiti stay connected to the people who matter to them, actively participate in their practice journey, ensure their needs and perspectives are understood and central to all decision-making and changes.	Trending up	71%	71% <b>On track</b>	Seven in ten tamariki and rangatahi had an allocated social worker as at 30 September 2025. This is at par with the 2024/25 result. We have maintained allocated volumes at broadly consistent levels over this quarter despite increases in reports of concern and the workload protocol reflected increased work efficiencies and throughput. The allocation of social workers is considered as a priority area of further improvement aiming to be addressed through our progress on workforce management.
<b>Partnerships Deliver</b>					
<b>Partnership led</b> – We build strong locally led partnerships with iwi Māori, community groups and service providers enabled by a nationally-coordinated Children’s System					
Number of contracted service providers	Community service providers are often best placed to deliver the supports and services that tamariki and rangatahi need. Our role begins with ensuring there are enough service providers – including iwi Māori and community groups – to deliver locally led responses. Without this collective of providers and communities, partnership is not possible.	Within our expected range	<b>509</b>	N/A	This measure is reported at year-end.
<b>Generationally focused</b> – So tamariki and whānau can access the right supports and services they need, when they need them, for long as they need them					
Percentage of tamariki in out of home placement who are in a family/whānau placement	When safe and appropriate, Oranga Tamariki must keep tamariki and their whānau connected. This includes – but is not limited to tamariki remaining in the care of their whānau, living with their siblings and – in the context of Youth Justice – within reasonable travelling distance of their whānau and/or their iwi/community. When tamariki are connected to their whānau/community, their intergenerational wellbeing is almost always better.	Trending up	49%	49% <b>Monitoring</b>	As at 30 September 2025, around half the tamariki and rangatahi in care are connected to their whānau in placements. We have discussed challenges with placing children and young people with their families/whānau in Section 3, under the appropriation measure that reports on ‘ <i>The percentage of children in out of home placement more than three months, who are placed with family/whānau, will be at least 58%</i> ’.
<b>System Prevents</b>					
<b>Prevention every time</b> – We prevent the escalation of involvement for all tamariki and rangatahi that come to our notice, including those in care, custody, or offending					
Number of tamariki and rangatahi who enter care per month	Tamariki who come to our attention often face serious safety or wellbeing concerns and it is vital that they receive the right support. However, that support does not always require statutory intervention as community-led responses are increasingly better placed to step in to care for tamariki and rangatahi. Oranga Tamariki’s role should be reserved for the most complex of cases, where statutory powers are truly required, and supporting those responses that are better placed. Prevention begins with reducing the number of tamariki who enter the statutory system in the first place.	Trending down	119	119 <b>On track</b>	As at 30 September 2025, 119 tamariki and rangatahi entered statutory care on monthly basis. Entries remain stable despite an increase in ROCs requiring further action between Quarter Four of 2024/25 and Quarter One of 2025/26.
<b>Prevention everywhere</b> - So that every opportunity is used to prevent and address harm					
Tamariki and rangatahi renotified within 12 months of a ROC where NFA was required or we referred them to a partner	Oranga Tamariki alone cannot prevent harm to tamariki and rangatahi. We are part of a wider Children’s System, that works together to prevent and address harm. We do our very best to respond to safety concerns as they arise. This includes having the right response the first time. For this reason, we monitor the proportion of tamariki and rangatahi who are renotified after a report of concern where no further action was required, or support was referred to partners.	Trending down	41%	43% <b>Off track</b>	Refer to Section 2 of this report.

## Appendix Two: Oranga Tamariki Appropriation Measures reported in Quarter One 2025/26

Measure	Why is this measure important?	Target	2024/25 Result & Status	Q1 Result & Status	How have we performed?
<b>Adoption Services</b>					
The percentage of assessments of suitability to adopt that are completed within 3 months will be at least 90%	We handle adoption assessments in a timely way to make the process quick, while still being thorough. A suitability check requires us to gather and consider specific information about individuals like police vetting and referee checks, to inform our overall assessment of suitability and risk.	90%	95% On track	100% On track	A strong focus on timeframes and full resource has helped achieve outstanding performance this quarter.
<b>Connection and Advocacy Service</b>					
Expenditure supports the delivery of services to children and young people with care experience and progress on contracting measurables is reported quarterly to Oranga Tamariki.	This measure relates to government non-departmental expenditure funding for VOYCE – Whakarongo Mai, a non-government organisation, to provide care experienced children and young people with connection and advocacy services independent of Oranga Tamariki.	Achieved	Achieved On track	Achieved On track	In Quarter One, VOYCE – Whakarongo Mai engaged with 2,108 children and young people with care experience and supported 893 advocacy requests. 83 tuhuno events were held across the motu. VOYCE – Whakarongo Mai completed their 'Kei te rongo koe?' report. The report is co-written by care experienced young people and recommends depoliticising care, the need for government agencies, especially health and education, to prioritise children in care, and the role of Oranga Tamariki in coordinating services. Planning continues for Kōkiri – The Future Speaks National Care Conference, which will be held in Quarter Three, 16 to 18 March 2026.
<b>Intensive Response</b>					
The percentage of children who received intensive response services in the last 12 months, who subsequently did not require an out of home placement will be at least 97%	Stopping re-entry to care through effective intensive response is an early but significant step towards breaking cycles of harm.	97%	98% On track	100% On track	Of the seven sites offering intensive response services, no child required an out of home placement in Quarter One.
<b>Policy Advice and Ministerial Services</b>					
The percentage of ministerial OIA request replies completed five working days prior to the statutory time limit, unless otherwise agreed, will be at least 95%	This measure allows us to track if we're supporting the Minister to meet legislative obligations under the Official Information Act. This includes being transparent and giving people timely access to information unless there is a good reason to withhold it.	95%	96% On track	64% Monitoring	During Quarter One, one ministerial OIA was late due to consultation required with an external agency, who did not engage in a timely fashion. This is not a typical issue we face but we are considering how to better indicate urgency when engaging with external partners.
The percentage of ministerial replies completed within 20 working days of receipt by Oranga Tamariki, unless otherwise agreed, will be at least 95%	This measure allows us to track if we are providing a timely response for questions from the public to the Minister or Associate Minister for a written answer.	95%	100% On track	100% On track	
The percentage of Parliamentary question responses provided to the Minister's Office so that the answers can meet the timeframe set in Parliamentary Standing Orders will be at least 95%	This measure allows us to track if we are providing a timely response for questions from opposition members in the House of Parliament to the Minister or Associate Minister for a written or oral answer.	95%	92% Off track	100% On track	
<b>Prevention and Early Support</b>					
The percentage of all contracted services which achieved or exceeded the target for their primary contracted measure will be at least 75%	Most of our Early Support work is delivered by service partners who are contracted to reach certain volumes, or specific results, with the goal that more families receive appropriate support, and fewer children require statutory intervention. Working in partnership with providers enables our social workers to focus on case management if or when issues eventuate or compound.	75%	74% Off track	77% On track	The most recent available reported figures for each service have been used to calculate this measure. Based on the initial findings of our appropriation measures review, we have identified that the current measure is no longer fit for purpose. We are currently reviewing this measure.
The percentage of all service contract funding contracted with Iwi and Māori organisations will be greater than 23%	The majority of children in care, and young people in custody, are Māori. This measurement shows our commitment to procuring iwi and Māori organisations that can play a unique role in supporting, strengthening and culturally connecting tamariki Māori, supplemented by specialist tauwiwi services.	23%	32% On track	34% On track	The percentage of funding with Iwi and Māori organisations was 34 percent. The percentage of organisations funded that are Iwi and Māori organisations is 28 percent. Based on the initial findings of our appropriation measures review, we have identified that the current measure is no longer fit for purpose. We are currently reviewing this measure.

Measure	Why is this measure important?	Target	2024/25 Result & Status	Q1 Result & Status	How have we performed?
The percentage of critical or very urgent reports of concern, addressed within operational timeframes, will be at least 95%	When a critical or very urgent report of concern is made, it indicates that a child may have been seriously harmed or be at risk of serious harm. This measure tells us if we are responding in an appropriate timeframe, based on the level of risk identified, to ensure the immediate safety of the child.	95%	86% Off track	85% Off track	Refer to Section 3 of this report.
<b>Statutory Intervention and Transition</b>					
The percentage of siblings in out of home placements, who are placed with at least one sibling, will be at least 73%	Keeping siblings together is key to healing from harm and avoiding trauma when staying at home isn't safe. Siblings must be placed together where possible and practical unless there are safety concerns like family abuse that are being addressed.	73%	74% On track	73% On track	The measure is currently on track. It adheres to a long-standing placement principle, where possible siblings should be placed together. Oranga Tamariki launched the Integrated care programme in late 2025 to build capacity and efficiency in the care system which will increase opportunities for siblings to be placed together when it is in their best interest.
The percentage of young people held on remand who are placed within the community will be at least 30%	We want to keep rangatahi who have offended close to their support networks, so they can more easily settle back into their community after rehabilitation. More community-based remand options will help rangatahi remain home (with added supports) or within their local community in a bespoke home.	30%	24% Off track	24% Off track	Refer to Section 3 of this report.
The number of supported accommodation places available to young people will be at least 150	For rangatahi leaving care, getting into their first flat can be hard. Supported accommodation entitles them to access safe accommodation up to age 25 with support to increase knowledge and skills to live independently in a safe environment.	150	134 Off track	134 Off track	Refer to Section 3 of this report.
The percentage of eligible young people who are referred for support from a transition support worker will be at least 60%	To enable rangatahi to be well supported and confident to leave care, they should have the opportunity to connect with a transition support worker if they want or need.	60%	72% On track	74% On track	Referral rates continue to increase, with 74 percent referred and 78 percent offered a referral. The rate of young people declining support remains low at four percent.
The percentage of under 18-year-olds who previously had a Youth Justice family group conference, who then had a subsequent Youth Justice family group conference, will be less than 40%	Youth Justice family group conferences give young people, along with their family, victims and professionals, a chance to help find solutions when they have offended. We want to strengthen this practice and avoid reoffending that leads to repeat family group conferences.	40%	38% On track	39% On track	The performance against this measure remains on target. Work in the early intervention space continues, to try and prevent young people from returning or escalating through the youth justice system.
The number of young people eligible to return or remain with a caregiver beyond age 18, who are enabled to do so, will be at least 95	Young people in care should continue to be supported if they need it after they turn 18. Like all children, they should be welcome to continue to stay with their caregiver as long as they need to.	95	119 On track	134 On track	The number of young people wishing to remain or return to living with a caregiver beyond 18 years is increasing.
The number of young people, held in police custody for more than 24 hours will be less than 140	We want to ensure that rangatahi spend as little time as possible in police custody after their arrest. Although Police respond in the first instance, we want young people to be redirected to safer placements.	140	227 Off track	263 Off track	Refer to Section 3 of this report.
The percentage of children in out of home placement more than three months, who are placed with family/ whānau, will be at least 58%	Ideally, we want children to safely remain within their wider family or whānau when they're away from home, but the situation of each tamaiti is unique and complex, and their safety, wellbeing and best interests are the most important consideration.	58%	50% Off track	50% Off track	Refer to Section 3 of this report.
The percentage of children in out of home placement who have two or fewer caregivers over the year will be at least 85%	Stable living arrangements can support children living away from home. While some changes can be beneficial, multiple and unplanned care arrangements have been associated with negative outcomes for children.	85%	86% On track	86% On track	This is an important placement stability indicator. Sometimes placements do change due to reasons like harm, opportunity, illness or family dynamics.
The percentage of children who have been in statutory care for more than six months, who have a completed Gateway assessment, will be at least 75%	A Gateway assessment is an interagency process that helps to clarify and identify ways to address the health and education needs of children we work with. A Gateway assessment referral should be made within 10 working days of entering our care, but the assessment process can take time to complete.	75%	83% On track	83% On track	We note this measure comfortably exceeds the appropriation measure target.
Report on the percentage of children to exit out of home placement in the last 18 months, who subsequently require an out of home placement	We want to decrease and prevent children re-entering our care where possible. However, it's important that children can return to care if their home life becomes unsafe again. Therefore, there is no target for this measure.	Report on (no target)	Achieved: 25% On track	Achieved: 24% On track	There is no target for this measure.