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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 31 December 2019 to the Ministry of Social Development, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *I would like to know who is the current member of Care and Protection Resource Panel and what is their current term of appointment. What is their role description and how much they have been paid? Have they been received any benefit beside their meeting fees, eg, travel cost paid by Ministry.*
- *How can public express of their interest to join the panel and how was the Ministry call for express of interest last time?*
- *As the current member of Care and Protection Resource Panel are no where to be found on govt's website. Can you also provide me with a short bio of each member.*

Your request was transferred on 7 January 2020 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) for response, under section 14 of the Act.

On 8 January 2020, we clarified with you that your request for information on Care and Protection Resource Panels (CPRP) was specifically for those in the Auckland region.

Please find the response to your request below. Each of your questions will be answered in turn.

- *I would like to know who is the current member of Care and Protection Resource Panel [in Auckland] and what is their current term of appointment. What is their role description and how much they have been paid? Have they been received any benefit beside their meeting fees, eg, travel cost paid by Ministry.*

CPRPs are funded by Oranga Tamariki and comprise of members from the local community. These members have professional, community and cultural knowledge and experience working with children and young people, including teachers, doctors, nurses, iwi social services, lawyers and youth workers. Currently we have 99 CPRP members

across 14 panels, in the wider Auckland region. We are withholding the names of CPRP members under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, in order to protect the privacy of these people. To assist you in understanding the make-up of our CPRPs, we have provided a list of agencies and organisations that our members represent. Please refer to Appendix One for a copy of this list.

The role of the CPRP is to provide advice and support to social workers, co-ordinators and Police about care and protection matters and to provide a process for review. Additional information on CPRPs can be found on the Oranga Tamariki Practice Centre, by following the link below:

<https://practice.orangatamariki.govt.nz/previous-practice-centre/policy/assessment-and-decision-making/key-information/working-with-the-care-and-protection-resource-panel/>

The standard term of appointment for CPRP members is two years. CPRP members are paid under the Cabinet Office Fees Framework circular CO(19) 1 as a group 4 level 3 body. Chairs are remunerated at the rate of \$349.60 per day and members at \$266.00 per day. As well as meeting fees, members are able to be remunerated for relevant food and travel expenses. These payments do not apply to all panel members. It is understood that employees of government agencies and full-time employees of agencies concerned with the welfare of children and young people will contribute their time as part of their agency's commitment to care and protection in their community. For the 2018/19 financial year, Oranga Tamariki paid a total of \$56,806.01 in fees and travel allowances for CPRPs in the Auckland region.

- *How can public express of their interest to join the panel and how was the Ministry call for express of interest last time?*

Members of the public can express their interest by contacting their local Oranga Tamariki site. Recruitment for the CPRPs normally happens locally, by approaching organisations that we work in partnership with. If you are interested in joining a CPRP, please contact our National Call Centre on 0508 FAMILY (326 459). They will put you in touch with your local Oranga Tamariki site.

- *As the current member of Care and Protection Resource Panel are no where to be found on govt's website. Can you also provide me with a short bio of each member.*

Oranga Tamariki does not have profiles or bios for members of its CPRPs. Accordingly, we are refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

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.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@ot.govt.nz. If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right

to ask an 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



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