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Thank you for your email of 2 January 2020 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Why was [Oranga Tamariki Act 1989] Section 67 repealed.*

Section 67 of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 was repealed to reduce the complexity of care and protection proceedings by removing the legislative requirement for the Family Court (the Court) to make a declaration before making final orders. It allows a one-step process whereby a court plan can be filed in advance of a court direction. The Court can make final orders if it is satisfied that the child is in need of care or protection.

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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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Groom", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steve Groom

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