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Tēnā koe Daniel

Thank you for your email request on 16 April 2024 to Oranga Tamariki— Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting the following information under Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

[...] I am writing to request information under the Official Information Act 1982. Specifically, I am seeking a comprehensive list of external care services contracted or outsourced by Oranga Tamariki for children in their care. This includes services provided under fee-for-service arrangements, contracts, or any other form of contractual arrangement between Oranga Tamariki and external providers. Scope of information: I am interested in obtaining information on services that offer, but are not limited to:

- *Disability care*
- *Complex high-needs care*
- *Low-needs care*
- *Care homes.*
- *Residential homes*
- *Any other long-term or short-term care and staying arrangements*

Details requested:

The names of all external care providers contracted by Oranga Tamariki including their regional locations.

The types of care services provided by each contracted provider, specifying whether they offer disability care, complex high-needs, low-needs care, care homes, residential homes, or other types of care.

The number of children associated with each care provider.

The duration and nature of the contractual arrangements between Oranga Tamariki and each care provider, including any relevant terms and conditions.

If these care providers are subject to the newly introduced national rate card implemented by Oranga Tamariki for services rendered with an effective date of 22 January 2024.

The consultations necessary to make a decision on this request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. For this reason, we are extending the time limit for providing you with the information to 14 June 2024, in accordance with section 15A(1)(b) of the Act. We will try to respond sooner than this date if possible.

Should you wish to discuss any part of your request with us, please do not hesitate to contact us at 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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