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Ms Kendra Cox

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Tēnā koe Ms Cox

Thank you for your email of 25 November 2020 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Please supply data on the total number of children and young people in the care of the Chief Executive, in both care and protection and youth justice, for the years 2017-2020.*
- *Please break down this information by:*
  - *ethnicity*
  - *region*
  - *age group*
  - *type of care*

Due to the significant public interest in the numbers of children and young people in the care and custody of Oranga Tamariki, we have made this information publicly available on our website. Please follow the link below to find information related to your request. Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available.

<https://www.orangatamariki.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/About-us/Report-and-releases/data-about-how-we-work-with-children/Babies-and-children-entering-Oranga-Tamariki-care.pdf>

Oranga Tamariki intends to make the information contained in this 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](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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

Steve Groom

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