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Dear Requester

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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your email of 3 April 2022 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *what law/jurisdiction gives the New Zealand government the power to uplift children*

The Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 sets out a range of means by which children can come into the care of Oranga Tamariki where there are concerns about their safety or well-being. These include warrants and care and protection orders made by the Family Court. Agreements can also be entered into between Oranga Tamariki and the parent or guardian or any other person who has the care of the children.

Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children has a range of policy and guidance to support practitioners when there is a decision that, in order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of a child or young person, a care or custody order is necessary. We refer to this as an entry to care or custody, rather than as an uplift. Many children who enter care remain with family or whānau.

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](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 that reads 'Helen Cook'.

Helen Cook

**General Manager Public, Ministerial and Executive Services**