

26 January 2024

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Tēnā koe M Cook,

Thank you for your correspondence of 12 December 2023 to the Ministry of Social Development requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please provide me with a list of reports or reviews written as a consequence of the death or abuse of a specific child or children known to Oranga Tamariki and its predecessor agencies from 1980 to the present day.

On 22 January 2024, you reclarified your request:

I can immediately limit my request by asking for 'reports and reviews that were publicly released resulting from death or serious abuse' rather than 'reports and reviews related to the death or abuse'.

Reducing the time period would be possible if you let me know to which date records have been deposited with Archives New Zealand (ANZ). Have, for example, all records up to 2000 been deposited? If you would please send me that information I will adjust my request accordingly.

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, I am extending the time limit for providing you with the information to 26 February 2024, in accordance with section 15A(1)(b) of the Act. We will try to respond sooner than this date if possible.

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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 decision, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review it. Information about this process is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Debbie Bell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Debbie Bell
Manager, Ministerial Support