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Tēnā koe Johnny

Thank you for your email, received on 12 June 2024, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting copies of all briefings and aide memoires from 1 January 2024 about the Fast Track programme. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

You have requested:

All briefings and aides memoire for 1 January relating to the Fast Track programme that are held by OT.

Fast Track was launched in South Auckland in late 2022. Fast Track was developed by Oranga Tamariki and Police to activate a community led response to serious persistent offending by tamariki aged 10 to 13. The South Auckland team - Kotahi te Whakaaro is a local coordination team that works across government, community organisations, and iwi to provide immediate and intensive support for children and families following a child's apprehension as well as referrals to community organisations. The success of Fast Track in South Auckland at the time prompted the Government to expand this service to other locations.

The combination of Fast Track and a 'local coordination team' is proving effective. Over 70 percent of children involved have not reoffended since they were referred to Fast Track. The model has also driven greater collaboration and ensured children with serious and/or persistent offending behaviour receive immediate support following their apprehension, along with their siblings and family.

Please find the following document attached as Appendix One:

- B-0061 Aide Memoire: Additional Information Enhanced Fast Track

Please note that some information in this document has been withheld under the following grounds of the Act:

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- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons
- 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials
- 9(2)(g)(ii) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such Ministers, members of organisations, officers, and employees from improper pressure or harassment.

Oranga Tamariki may make the information contained in this letter available to the public by publishing this on our website with your personal details removed.

I trust you find this information useful. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise them with Oranga Tamariki. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. 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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