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Tēnā koe Daniel

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

I'd like to request the policies around the criteria for NGO checks. When a check is returned, one of these statements are selected:

- *No Information found re Applicant*
- *Information found, no concerns re Applicant*
- *Information found – concerns may remain*
- *Information found of concern regarding – Applicant*
- *Information found of concern regarding - Household Member / Family Member / Known Associate*

What is the criteria for each statement above, to be selected.

Should someone have an allegation about them and OT selects, "information found - concerns may remain" - what is the likelihood of this being changed?

What is the criteria for change and does OT understand that this may impact someones job in the future should there be a false allegation made?

What are the steps to ensure someone who is impacted by this, is fairly treated and how does Oranga Tamariki support people who have had false allegations that are kept on their system?

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 10 September 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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