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Tēnā koe Richard

Thank you for your email, received on 9 August 2024, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting information regarding advice on impacts to disabled tamariki. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

You requested:

Please provide all advice on the impact the recent funding cuts will have on disabled tamariki in social service providers' care.

I have interpreted your question to be for all advice Oranga Tamariki has given or received on impacts to disabled tamariki due to service provider contracting decisions for the 2024/25 financial year.

Oranga Tamariki has not received or given specific advice about the impacts that funding cuts will have on disabled tamariki. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Oranga Tamariki funds service providers to ensure they can deliver essential services to support vulnerable children and families, including disabled children. Note, there are two specialist teams dedicated to supporting the needs of children with disabilities involved in the commissioning of specialist services for FY 2024/2025. By funding these contracts Oranga Tamariki can provide a range of services to help improve the well-being of children and young people across New Zealand. Changes to Oranga Tamariki contracting changes are not funding cuts driven by cuts to Oranga Tamariki appropriations.

The 2024/25 financial year annual review process is ongoing, and contracts with service providers are still being negotiated.

For more information on the Oranga Tamariki vision for its work with disabled tamariki and rangatahi please visit our website [here](#).

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

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

Darrin Haimona
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