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Tēnā koe Rodney

Thank you for your email, received on 22 October 2024, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Information on the rates of forcible removal of infants from their mothers in the first year of life in New Zealand, both nationally and by region*
- *Oranga Tamariki's policy in the safety management of unborn infants and efforts made to prevent forcible removal of infants before and after birth*
- *The risk assessment tools that are used to assess the risk of unborn infants and what steps Oranga Tamariki has taken to try and ensure that these are not a product of racist/culturally unsafe assessments by health or social services workers.*

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 6 December 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](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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