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Sean Richards

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Dear Mr Richards

Thank you for your email of 12 December 2017 to Oranga Tamariki–Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *I respectfully request all correspondence, both internal to Oranga Tamariki and between Oranga Tamariki and KidsCan, relating to the Government's funding of KidsCan from 1 July 2018*

On 19 December 2017, you clarified your request to mean:

- *all correspondence relating to the potential defunding of KidsCan..... The correspondence I am requesting has no formal commencement date (to clarify, I am requesting ALL correspondence relating to any defunding that may occur in 2018)*

We note that we have written to you on 29 January 2018 to extend the deadline, as your request is for a large quantity of information and the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request were such that a proper response could not reasonably be made within the original time limit.

In 2013, Cabinet agreed to a time-limited extension of funding for KidsCan over three years (2013/14 through 2015/16) following a series of one-off payments that started in 2009. At the same time, Cabinet approved \$9.5m in co-funding for the expansion of the KickStart breakfast-in-school programme. Funding was allocated for five years between July 2013 and June 2018 of \$1.9m per annum for this programme and KidsCan was informed of the nature of this funding at the time.

In late 2014, an underspend from the KickStart Breakfast appropriation was identified. Ministers agreed that the underspend could be applied to supplement the funding for KidsCan. This arrangement has continued through to the current financial year. This funding expires on 30 June 2018.

Please find attached the information requested. You will note that some information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a)– to protect the privacy of some individuals
- 9(2)(f)(iv) – to protect information where the information requested is under active consideration
- 9(2)(g)(i)– to protect the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions

Please note that information unrelated to funding of KidsCan has been redacted as it is out of the scope of your request.

I have balanced the public interest in the release of this information against the need to withhold this information. In this case, I believe the greater public interest is in the ability of individuals to express opinions in the course of their duty and the requirement to maintain individual's privacy. The information about the 2018 Budget Bids is under active consideration and the release of this could prejudice the Minister's ability to seek further advice or to consult on the proposal.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@mvcot.govt.nz.

If you have further queries, please email ot_requests@mvcot.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.

Yours sincerely



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