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TAMARIKI**
Ministry for Children

Mr Zane Collins
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Dear Mr Collins

Thank you for your email of 28 March 2018 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. I would like to request the guidelines or standards operation manuals or guidelines for completing the family court requests for s132 reports Care of Children Act 2004.*
- 2. I want to know all procedures starting from the day the referral from the family court, including processing times and all details related to complete the s132 reports, the purpose from it and how the reports should be completed.*

The Joint Protocol Department for Courts and Department of Child, Youth and Family Services is a historical document used to guide practice in this area. It is available on the Ministry of Justice website at the following link:

<https://www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/fc-joint-protocol-moj-cyf.pdf>

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(d) as the information is publicly available.

Within the regions, more specific approaches for completing the family court requests for section 132 reports Care of Children Act 2004 are developed, guided by the legislation and expectations set by the Courts. This includes procedures they will use starting from the day the referral is received from the family court, including their processing times and all details related to completing the s132 reports. Sites, guided by the legislation, the Courts and based on their specific regional practice processes, will also determine the specific purpose and how the reports should be completed.

Oranga Tamariki intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public shortly. We will do this by publishing this letter on our website. Your personal details will be deleted and we will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response about guidelines for section 132 reports with us, please feel free to contact OIA_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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