



10 OCT 2018

Ms Kendra Cox
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Dear Ms Cox

Thank you for your email of 7 October 2018 via the FYI.org website to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Please provide the number of children and young people in state care (also called 'in the care of the Chief Executive', including children in foster homes, in care and protection and youth justice residences, and community homes) for the financial year 2017-2018.*
- *Within this data, please provide breakdowns by type of care, as well as ethnicity, age, and region of children and young people.*
- *Please include the historical view of these categories for the past five years (from 2013).*

The information you have requested for 2013 to 2017 is available on the Ministry of Social Development website at the following link: <https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/cyf/kids-in-care.html>. This page contains a spread sheet titled "Kids in care – National and local level data – June 2017" within which you will find various tabs where data is broken down into type of care, ethnicity, age, region and type of care.


Equivalent information for 2018 will soon be published on the Oranga Tamariki website at the following link: <https://www.orangatamariki.govt.nz/official-information-act/oia-responses/children/>. Oranga Tamariki publishes OIA responses on this page and you will find one titled "Information about children in care, caregivers and residences" which contains all the information you have requested for the financial year ending 30 June 2018.

As the information you have requested is publicly available your request is declined under section 18(d) of the Act.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact 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.

Yours sincerely



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