

23 July 2021

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RE: Official Information Act 1982 request

I refer to your official information request dated 6 July 2021 for:

I would like to request under the OIA all of the OCC monitoring reports.

On 8 July 2021 you clarified that you would like reports from 2018 onwards.

The Office of the Children's Commissioner is a National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) under the Crimes of Torture Act 1989 (the OPCAT). The role of the OCC is to visit Youth Justice and Care and Protection Residences to examine the conditions and treatment of children and young people, identify any improvements required or problems needing to be addressed, and make recommendations aimed at strengthening protections, improving treatment and conditions, and preventing ill treatment.

We are releasing reports which present the findings of the OCC's monitoring of Youth Justice Residences as a NPM under OPCAT. You will receive a second tranche of reports related to Youth Justice Residences, but with a different scope of reporting. These reports include Voices, Transitions and Thematic Reviews.

We will get the second tranche of your request to you on, or before, Tuesday 3 August 2021 which is within the original 20 working days of your request.

Please find attached 15 reports:

1. Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (unannounced OPCAT visit) Korowai Manaaki Youth Justice Residence: 27 August 2019
2. Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (OPCAT monitoring under COVID-19 Alert Level 4) Korowai Manaaki Youth Justice Residence: 1 July 2020
3. Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (announced OPCAT visit) Korowai Manaaki Youth Justice Residence: 18 December 2020
4. Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (announced OPCAT visit) Korowai Manaaki Youth Justice Residence: 01 July 2021
5. Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (announced OPCAT visit) Te Au Rere a te Tonga (Youth Justice): 18 June 2018
6. Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (announced OPCAT visit) Te Au Rere a te Tonga Youth Justice Residence: 26 May 2020
7. Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (announced OPCAT visit) Te Au Rere a te Tonga Youth Justice Residence: 17 June 2020
8. Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (unannounced OPCAT visit) Te Au Rere a te Tonga (Youth Justice) Residence: 25 March 2021
9. Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (announced OPCAT visit) Te Maioha o Parekarangi (Youth Justice): 9 August 2018
10. Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (announced OPCAT visit) Te Maioha o Parekarangi (Youth Justice): 6 March 2020
11. Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (OPCAT monitoring under COVID-19 Alert Level 4) Te Maioha o Parekarangi (Youth Justice) Residence: 18 June 2020
12. Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (unannounced OPCAT visit) Te Maioha o Parekarangi (Youth Justice): 25 March 2021
13. Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (unannounced OPCAT visit) Te Puna Wai ō Tuhinapo (Youth Justice): 23 August 2019
14. Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (OPCAT monitoring under COVID-19 Alert Level 4) Te Puna Wai ō Tuhinapo (Youth Justice): 17 June 2020
15. Oranga Tamariki Residence Visit (announced OPCAT visit) Te Puna Wai ō Tuhinapo (Youth Justice): 7 December 2020

Some information within these reports has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act as withholding this information is necessary to protect the privacy of rangatahi in these spaces and staff members who interviewed them. Information has also been withheld under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act to ensure that information which is provided to us in confidence is not released in a way which may impact young people talking with us in the future. Information has also been withheld under section 9(2)(i) of the Act to protect the privacy of stakeholders who hold contracts with Oranga Tamariki to provide services within the residences.

We are planning to proactively release our OPCAT reports via our website, after you have received all of them. This will be from the first week of August. If you have any issues with this, please let us know on, or before, 9 August 2021.

If you wish to discuss this with us, please feel free to contact Leah Haines, Manager- Media & Communications via email at l.haines@occ.org.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi



Judge Andrew Becroft

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