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Tēnā koe Mr Gibson

Thank you for your email of 3 July 2020 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Please provide copies of all Memorandum of Understanding (MOU's) signed in the last five years related to the sharing of data to organisations outside your organisation.*

On 13 July 2020, we contacted you to clarify the type of information sharing agreement you were seeking. You responded on 14 July 2020, advising that we limit the request to the following type of agreement.

- *Information Sharing Agreements that relate to the specific exchange of information between parties, generally used for research purposes.*

Please find enclosed with this response copies of the following Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and Approved Information Sharing Agreements (AISAs), signed between 1 July 2015 and 1 July 2020:

- AISA between the New Zealand Gang Intelligence Centre Agencies, 7 November 2018
- AISA between the Ministry of Education, Oranga Tamariki and the Ministry of Social Development (MSD), to support services for disengaged youth, May 2020
- MOU for Youth Justice National Minimum Dataset, 30 October 2015
- MOU between the Ministry of Education and Oranga Tamariki, 10 December 2018
- MOU between Stats NZ and Oranga Tamariki, 18 April 2019

- MOU between Ministry of Social Development and Oranga Tamariki, 1 July 2019

You will note that the contact details of some individuals within these documents have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, in order to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Oranga Tamariki was established as a new ministry on 1 April 2017 and was formed from Child, Youth and Family, the Children's Action Plan, Community Investment and certain functions of MSD. You will note that Oranga Tamariki was not an original signatory for the Youth Justice National Minimum Dataset MOU (YJ MOU) in 2015. Following our establishment, however, the functions covered by the YJ MOU were transferred over from MSD to Oranga Tamariki. As per section 30H(3) of the State Sector Act 1988, due to the relevant functions being transferred over, the references to MSD within the YJ MOU must now be read as references to Oranga Tamariki, which is the new responsible departmental agency.

From 1 July 2019, new provisions came into effect in regard to section 66 of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989. These changes give child welfare and protection agencies the ability to request, collect, use and share personal information for purposes related to the wellbeing and safety of tamariki. Additional information on these new provisions can be found on the webpage via the link below.

<https://www.orangatamariki.govt.nz/working-with-children/information-sharing/>

The above webpage also includes links to the AISAs enclosed with this response, as well as a link to an AISA for Improving Public Services for Vulnerable Children that was signed in June 2015.

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 and attachments 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 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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CM', written over a horizontal line.

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