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Tēnā koe Mr Gibson

Thank you for your email of 2 June to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *The length of time this Google Analytics data is retained for, and*
- *A copy of the Information Management policy that this data retention period is based upon.*

For clarity, I will respond to each part of your request in turn.

- *The length of time this Google Analytics data is retained for.*

Oranga Tamariki currently uses both Google Analytics 4 (GA4), and Google Analytics 3 (GA3) for its websites. The default retention time for GA3 is 26 months. The default retention time for GA4 is 14 months. Oranga Tamariki uses the default GA retention settings, so the Google Analytics data for the Oranga Tamariki webpage is held for 26 or 14 months, depending on which version of GA the data is being held by.

From July 2023, Oranga Tamariki will be using only GA4, meaning all data retention from July 2023 will be the GA4 default of 14 months.

- *A copy of the Information Management policy that this data retention period is based upon.*

As a Public Sector agency, we are subject to the Public Records Act 2005 which establishes a legislative framework for information and records management across the public sector. We may only legally dispose of records where we have the authorisation of the Chief Archivist. We do not have an agency specific disposal authority (DA) in place therefore we are limited to disposing of a narrow range of records covered by General Disposal Authority 6 covering common corporate service public records and 7 covering facilitative, transitory and short-term value records.

The Google Analytics data is covered by the GDA 6, 8.1.7. This allows the data to be destroyed when administratively no longer required. For more information, please see the below link to the GDA 6.

<https://assets.ctfassets.net/etfoy87fj9he/78KkF8gKV8zhvi17aYrpDK/e0543d28f8ac4ff7452ca342c344e8/16-GDA6-General-disposal-authority-6.pdf>


An agency specific DA is on our Information Management team's work programme. This will need to consider the Abuse in Care Royal Commission of Inquiry, as this inquiry has direct implications for Oranga Tamariki's data retention going forward.

Oranga Tamariki intends to make the information contained in this letter 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 with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@ot.govt.nz](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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