

# Office of Hon Kelvin Davis

MP Te Tai Tokerau

Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti

Minister for Children

Minister of Corrections

Associate Minister of Education (Māori Education)



14 February 2023

James

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Tēnā koe James,

Thank you for your official information request received on 12 December 2022, for the following information:

*All correspondence/communications including but not limited to texts, emails and phone calls between yourself/your office and Matthew Tukaki regarding Mr Tukaki's appointment to the Oranga Tamariki Ministerial Advisory Board, this covers the period Mr Tukaki was first considered and approached as a possibility for the role, until 05/02/2021.*

*Please provide all information and communications including but not limited to emails, texts and phone calls relating to any special conditions/requests/clauses that were added to Mr Tukaki's contract terms, such as the ability and right to continue with other obligations and employment while on the advisory board.*

*Please confirm if any other board member requested or had similar terms added to their contracts. If so, please provide details.*

*Please provide all details, and communications including but not limited to emails, texts and phone calls if any conflicts or perceived conflicts of interest were declared to you by Ministerial Board Members as required to do so.*

Your request has been considered in accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (**the Act**). We have interpreted the entirety of this request to relate to the timeframe identified within it, which is to say “the period Mr Tukaki was first considered and approached as a possibility for the role, until 05/02/2021.” You can find responses to each element of the request below.

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The Board was established to provide independent advice and assurance to the Minister for Children across three key areas of Oranga Tamariki: relationships with families, whānau, and Māori; professional social work practice; and organisational culture.

In line with the process outlined in the Cabinet Manual, Cabinet considered the proposal to establish this Board, and the proposed appointees. The Cabinet minute prescribed

who would make the appointment. In this case, the Cabinet minute notes the intention to establish the Board. This Cabinet Paper is publicly available on the Oranga Tamariki website.

This element of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information you have requested is not held by this office.

*Please provide all information and communications including but not limited to emails, texts and phone calls relating to any special conditions/requests/clauses that were added to Mr Tukaki's contract terms, such as the ability and right to continue with other obligations and employment while on the advisory board.*

This element of the request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information you have requested does not exist within the timeframe specified.

*Please confirm if any other board member requested or had similar terms added to their contracts. If so, please provide details.*

This element of the request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information you have requested does not exist within the timeframe specified.

*Please provide all details, and communications including but not limited to emails, texts and phone calls if any conflicts or perceived conflicts of interest were declared to you by Ministerial Board Members as required to do so.*

This element of the request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information you have requested does not exist. We note that Oranga Tamariki worked through the process that is outlined in the Cabinet Manual, such as a conflict of interest declaration, in relation to all appointments to the Oranga Tamariki Ministerial Advisory Board, but this office does not hold such information.

Should you wish to discuss this response, we encourage you to contact this Office. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to ask the Office of the Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā

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