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Tēnā koe James

Thank you for your email of 22 June 2023 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) regarding the dates that Mr Te Kani was made aware of the recent allegations of abuse. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

As you are aware, recent incidents in Oranga Tamariki residences have come to light which are clearly unacceptable. On 21 June 2023, former Police Commissioner Mike Bush was appointed to temporarily take over management of our residence facilities. This includes undertaking a rapid review of all our residences and Oranga Tamariki-run community homes.

Oranga Tamariki Chief Executive, Chappie Te Kani, has stated his expectation is that all Oranga Tamariki facilities are safe, supportive, and rehabilitative places for some of New Zealand's most vulnerable young people. This is non-negotiable.

I have addressed each of your questions below.

*Please provide the exact date Mr Te Kani was first made aware of the first allegation of abuse.*

Mr Te Kani was first made aware of the first allegation of abuse on 7 June 2023.

*Please provide the date Mr Te Kani first contacted the advisor to Minister Davis or anyone in the office or connected to Minister Davis in relation to the first allegation.*

Mr Te Kani first made contact on 8 June 2023 regarding the first allegation.

*Please provide the date when Mr Te Kani was first made aware of the 2nd allegation of abuse.*

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Mr Te Kani was first made aware of the 2<sup>nd</sup> allegation of abuse on 15 June 2023.

I trust the information provided is useful. I encourage you to raise any concerns about the response with [OIA\\_Requests@ot.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@ot.govt.nz). Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman by contacting them on 0800 802 602 or at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Nāku noa, nā



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