

# Office of Hon Kelvin Davis

MP Te Tai Tokerau

Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti

Minister for Children

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7 August 2023

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Tēnā koe James

## Official Information Act request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 7 July 2023, requesting:

*“Please provide the date of first initial contact between yourself or your office and Mike Bush in regards to his engagement with Oranga Tamariki.”*

Your request has been considered by this Office in accordance with the provisions of the OIA.

Employment decisions are operational and a matter for Oranga Tamariki. On 18 June 2023 Oranga Tamariki appointed former Police Commissioner Mike Bush as DCE Residences. Mike Bush was appointed to provide leadership and oversight of the whole Oranga Tamariki residential network, to lead an independent rapid review of all Oranga Tamariki residences, and to implement the recommendations from the rapid review.

On the same day, Oranga Tamariki advised Minister Davis and his office of the appointment of Mike Bush. This was discussed further in a meeting with Oranga Tamariki officials on 19 June 2023. Mike Bush officially started his role with Oranga Tamariki on Friday 23 June.

Minister Davis and his staff had a phone call with Mike Bush on Monday 26 June 2023.

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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