



22 August 2023

Ms Karla Epiha
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Tēnā koe Ms Epiha,

Thank you for your email of 16 August 2023 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting correspondence between Oranga Tamariki and Australian authorities regarding your children. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

You have requested:

I would like any copies of evidence between relations with the International State Liaison Officer that I have dealt with, and or any information between Oranga Tamariki and Australia for the return of my babies locked up having been to 14 placements.

We need to clarify your request to enable us to respond. In particular, we would like to clarify the following:

- What is the name / contact information of the International State Liaison Officer that you have dealt with and about whom you are enquiring?
- Could you please confirm that the Australian authority you are enquiring about is Queensland Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services? If not, please advise which other Australian authority / authorities you believe may be involved.

Please note that any clarification or subsequent amendment of a request is considered to be a new request for the purpose of calculating the maximum statutory timeframe for response—see section 15(1AA) of the Act.

Please be aware that, as advised in previous correspondence, Oranga Tamariki is unable to take action or provide advice with regards to children in Australian state care. As such, we encourage you to continue in your efforts to discuss the matter with Queensland

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Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services. You may also wish to consider seeking legal advice on the matter.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jarród Williams', with a large loop at the start and a horizontal tail.

Jarród Williams

**Acting General Manager – Monitoring and External Relationships
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