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Tēnā koe J Bythell

Thank you for your email, received on 6 April 2024, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting information on Oranga Tamariki financial appropriations. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

In your request under the Act, you have asked the following questions:

*Is your department at risk of overspending its financial appropriation this year?*

*If it is, please supply*

- *all correspondence with and information supplied to Treasury about this*
- *all correspondence with and information supplied to your Minister and your Minister's office about this*
- *all correspondence with and information supplied to the Public Services Commission about this*
- *all correspondence with and information supplied to the Auditor-General or his office about this*
- *all papers to or considered by your leadership team about this*
- *all papers to or considered by your risk and audit committee about this*
- *all papers to or considered by any other of your governance groups about this*

*Have you set aside an allowance in this financial year for redundancies or other costs of restructuring?*

*If so, how much is that allowance?*

*If not, do you anticipate any costs for these in this financial year?*

You may be aware that the Public Finance Act exists to govern the use of public financial resources. Oranga Tamariki report publicly on financial performance each year in our Annual Reports. Currently, we are not at risk of exceeding financial appropriations.

## IN-CONFIDENCE

In respect of your last three questions regarding redundancies and funding the costs of restructuring, Oranga Tamariki received approval to bring forward \$25 million from 2024/2025 into 2023/2024 through a fiscally neutral transfer. This was authorised for the express purpose of resourcing the cost of change associated with the reduction in back-office functions within Oranga Tamariki. We do not anticipate spending the full amount this financial year. Any underspends will be returned to the 2024/2025 year.

I trust you find this information useful. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise them with Oranga Tamariki. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. 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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