

9 August 2024

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Tēnā koe Anon

Thank you for your request dated 31 July 2024 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), for copies of a Microsoft Teams chat. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

You have requested:

Please provide copies of the 'Advisors' teams chat (Advisor chat that is part of Ministerial Support) from January 2024 to 31 July 2024.

Unless necessary, do not redact staff names. If necessary to redact names, replace with initials.

Where staff are the subject of messages, do not redact their names. If necessary to redact names, replace with initials.

Oranga Tamariki are unable to answer your request as set out above. I am advised that the Microsoft Teams functionality does not provide the ability to export specific chat groups. The functionality only provides the ability to export messages between people, based on search parameters including individual names, dates, and keywords.

It is likely that your request as set out above would need to be refused under 18(f) of the Act due to the amount of work required to meet your request. The Ministerial Support team has at least 10 staff and carrying out a search based on the information you have provided produces a significant number of individual messages that cannot be easily confirmed as in scope or not, as they are not exported in the context of a chat group.

To enable us to consider your request further we would like to work with you to clarify or amend the request to enable us to make a decision. You may be aware that any clarification or amendment of a request is a new request for the purpose of calculating the maximum statutory timeframe for response—see section 15(1AA) of the Act.

It would be helpful if you could provide a specific keyword that may allow us to refine the search or provide further context on the information you are seeking to enable us to

respond to your request. The further specific information you provide may not be appropriate for the public domain, if this is the case, please contact us via email at OIA_requests@ot.govt.nz to provide the specific search parameters.

If you could please provide the clarification no later than 14 August 2024. If no further contact is made, we will make a decision on your request as it is currently worded.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long tail that curves downwards and to the left.

Julie Miller
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