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Tēnā koe Richard

Thank you for your email, received on 9 August 2024, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting information regarding the funding cuts. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Oranga Tamariki funds service providers to ensure that various organisations can deliver essential services to support vulnerable children and families. By funding these contracts Oranga Tamariki can provide a range of services such as social work support, counselling, transition support for rangatahi, and other programmes to help improve the well-being of children and young people across New Zealand.

I have addressed your question below.

How many social service contracts with providers responsible for delivering disability support have been impacted by the funding cuts?

The annual review process is ongoing, and contracts with service providers are still being negotiated. As such this part of your request is refused under section 9(2)(i), in order to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding this information to carry out commercial activities without prejudice or disadvantage

Oranga Tamariki may make the information contained in this letter available to the public by publishing this on our website with your personal details removed.

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 <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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