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Tēnā koe L

Thank you for your email, received on 6 November 2024, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting information on communication regarding the Military Style Academies and Young Serious Offenders. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

You have requested:

- *all communications and documents that record those communications between Oranga Tamariki officials and iwi, including records about iwi, as it relates to Military Style Academies and Young Serious Offenders work.*
- *all communication and records from Oranga Tamariki officials that discuss Te Tiriti o Waitangi as it relates to Military Style Academies and Young Serious Offenders work.*

We have interpreted your request as pertaining to communications related to legislation providing for Military Style Academies and Young Serious Offenders – Oranga Tamariki (Responding to Serious Youth Offending) Amendment Bill.

The Bill is part of a broader range of measures the Government is implementing to tackle serious and persistent youth offending. Under the Bill, if a young person is declared to be a Young Serious Offender (YSO) the Youth Court will have additional tools (including the Military-Style Academy order) to use to ensure that serious and persistent young offenders are held to account and supported to make impactful changes that enhances their lives. To read the Bill, visit: [Oranga Tamariki \(Responding to Serious Youth Offending\) Amendment Bill 99-1 \(2024\), Government Bill – New Zealand Legislation](#).

I have addressed each of your questions below.

- *all communications and documents that record those communications between Oranga Tamariki officials and iwi, including records about iwi, as it relates to Military Style Academies and Young Serious Offenders work.*

## IN-CONFIDENCE

Please find attached as Appendix A communications and documents that have been identified as in scope of this part of your request. Please note that:

- some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons
- in accordance with section 16(1)(e) of the Act some material is provided as an excerpt of the contents where material is out of scope of your request.
- *all communication and records from Oranga Tamariki officials that discuss Te Tiriti o Waitangi as it relates to Military Style Academies and Young Serious Offenders work*

Due to the substantial amount of work that would be required to collate the information you have requested, this part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, on the grounds that collating the information requested would have a significant and unreasonable impact on the ability of Oranga Tamariki to carry out its other operations.


We have considered whether charging you would help, as required by section 18A of the Act. However, we do not believe this would reduce the impact that responding to this part of your request would have on our core operations.

We have considered consulting with you, as required by section 18B of the Act. However, we do not believe that it would be possible to refine this part of your request in a way that would provide the information you are requesting or would reduce the impact that responding would have on our core operations.

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 [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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