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Mr Jason McIntosh
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Dear Mr McIntosh

Thank you for your email of 23 February 2018 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *“How are Social Workers payed?”*
- *Do they receive gifts or bonuses for each child they rehouse?”*

Social workers are critical to the work Oranga Tamariki carries out for New Zealand’s vulnerable children and are valued for their contribution. They provide a vital service to children, young people and their families.

Social Workers are paid a pro-rated salary on their hours of work. They do not receive bonuses or gifts for children they rehouse. Oranga Tamariki focuses on continually developing their level of competence and knowledge ensuring these capabilities are applied to improving the delivery of our services to children, young people and their families.

Oranga Tamariki intends to make the information contained in this letter available to the wider public shortly. We will do this by publishing this letter on our website. Your personal details will be deleted and we will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@mvcot.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. Information about this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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Steve Groom
General Manager Public, Ministerial and Executive Services