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Dear Ms Bevan

Thank you for your email of 15 February 2019 via the FYI.org website to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *What is the total budget allocates for the new Youth Justice Remand Homes?*

We have interpreted your request to relate to community based remand homes and below, we provide information on the budget allocations for financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19 (covering 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 respectively).

Financial Year	Budget allocation (million)
2017/18	\$3.60
2018/19	\$8.05

The funding in financial year 2017/18 (\$3.6m) was to set up three community based homes initially providing 15 placements. The increased funding in financial year 2018/19 is to allow us to increase the number of community based placements to 60. This funding is for the establishment of placements as well as providing staff and equipment necessary to meet our goals of ensuring children in these placements receive the best support possible. This increase in funding to provide additional placements supports the increase in demand expected on the system in light of the inclusion of most 17 year olds in the youth justice system.

The Children, Young Persons, and Their Families (Oranga Tamariki) Legislation Bill passed into law on 13 July 2017. The legislation extends the youth justice system to include most 17-year-olds (those charged with specified serious offences will be dealt with in the adult courts).

A small number of amendments took effect immediately, while the majority will come into force by Order in Council no later than 1 July 2019. You can read more information about the Act and the immediate changes at the following link.

(<http://www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/investing-in-children/legislative-reform/factsheet-oranga-tamariki-act-july-2017.pdf>)

There is also more information on the change of the Children, Young Persons, and Their Families (Oranga Tamariki) Legislation Bill at the link below, including cabinet papers which outline the legislative reform that was required.

(<http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/investing-in-children/new-childrens-agency-established.html>)

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@ot.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@ot.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 on the Ombudsman website at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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