

12 July 2023

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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 14 June 2023 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting information about Oranga Tamariki properties. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

I have addressed each of your questions below.

1. *How many staff work within your organisation to procure property (to own or lease) for your organisation.*

Two commercial leasing specialists are employed by Oranga Tamariki to negotiate new leases as required and manage the existing leases.

2. *How many square meters of floor space does your organisation manage (owns/leases) in total, excluding any that is managed by the Government Property Group on behalf of your organisation, and how this compares to each year for the past five years.*

Please see the below table which shows the number of leases and total leased area for the past five financial years.

| Financial Year | Number of Leases | Leased Area (m ²) |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2018/19 | 74 | 60,678 |
| 2019/20 | 80 | 62,945 |
| 2020/21 | 81 | 63,017 |
| 2021/22 | 89 | 68,249 |
| 2022/23 | 90 | 68,264 |

3. *For the properties that your organisation manages (owns/leases), what per cent of these properties in total are currently occupied, and how is this broken down by each property.*

Oranga Tamariki does not own any commercial properties. Oranga Tamariki currently leases and occupies 90 commercial properties that are a mix of flexi and fixed workspaces across the country. Oranga Tamariki record individual staff occupancy for security purposes; however, due to the unpredictable nature (staff may pass through the security barriers several times a day) this information is not considered a reliable source to answer your question. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Oranga Tamariki intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the public. We will do this by publishing this letter and attachments 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.

I trust the information provided is useful. I encourage you to raise any concerns about the response with OIA_Requests@ot.govt.nz. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman by contacting them on 0800 802 602 or at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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