

19 September 2023

s9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

On 4 September 2023, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment transferred part of your request for information regarding the Special Ukraine Visa programme to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) as these parts of your request are more closely connected with our functions. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). We have addressed each of your questions below.

Regarding the Special Ukraine Visa programme, you asked:

- *how many children have been placed with Oranga Tamariki or other child agency?*

Due to the small number of individuals involved, we believe that providing you with this information risks making these individuals identifiable, and therefore breaching their right to privacy. As such, we are refusing this part of your request under 9(2)(a) as the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons.

- *how many children have been removed for reasons other than that the sponsor did not meet their sponsorship obligations?*

We can confirm that Oranga Tamariki has not removed any children from their sponsor.

I trust the information provided is useful. I encourage you to raise any concerns about this response with us directly by contacting 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 www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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