

15 October 2024

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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 1 October 2024 to the Ministry of Social Development requesting information relating to Windrush Close Family Home. On 4 October 2024 your request was transferred to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) for response. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

You have requested:

This is a request pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982.

We are interested in information held by the Ministry relating to Windrush Close Family Home (“the Family Home”), and the processes following the death of a child placed at a Family Home.

Pursuant to the Official Information Act, we request the following information:

a. Any records relating to the temporary or permanent closure of the Family Home, including records relating to the relocation of children following a temporary or permanent closure.

b. Any records relating to the death of a child while they were placed at the Family Home. Including any mental health assessments or supports provided to other children placed at the Family Home following this.

c. Any research, reports, guidelines, best practice guidelines, and/or documents outlining procedures and processes prepared relating to:

i. The relocation of children following a temporary or permanent closure of the Family Home;

ii. The death of a child while placed at the Family Home;

iii. Mental health assessments and supports to be provided to children following the death of another child placed at the same Family Home.

We are interested in the above information dated between 1 August 1992 and 30 December 1997, or later if your searches reveal documents related to the above that may be of assistance.

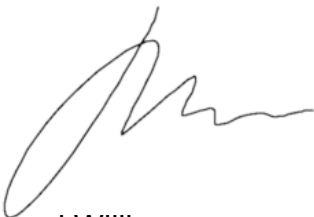
Several documents have been identified in scope of your request, all of which relate to the death of a child placed at Windrush Close Family Home or to people other than those who you have provided authority to act forms for.

Oranga Tamariki cannot provide specific information pertaining your request as, releasing this information would breach the right to privacy of the third parties involved. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. In this case, the need to protect the privacy of the individual outweighs any public interest in this information.

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.

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 or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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