



8 October 2021

Mr Kurt Lorenzen
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Tēnā koe Kurt Lorenzen

I refer to your email sent to the Ministry of Health on 7 August 2021, partially transferred to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) for response on 10 September 2021, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Please provide all relevant information around the 1.9 billion dollars earmarked for Mental Health NZ. Including, money spent on paid consultants.*

Please see attached the requested information as Appendix One. I note that while the Crown Response was tagged in the Budget 2019 as contributing to mental wellbeing, it is primarily an indirect contribution to the work of the Royal Commission to improve the wellbeing of survivors of abuse in care.

In terms of consultants, all expenditure fell in the Vote Oranga Tamariki line:

- 2019/20 - \$72,000 for specialist HR services to develop cross-government support arrangements for current and former staff and caregivers affected by the Royal Commission; \$3,000 for an expert meeting facilitator for a cross-agency workshop.
- 2020/21 - \$3,500 for an expert meeting facilitator for a cross-agency workshop; \$259,000 contract for independent research into historic Māori experiences in State care.

Oranga Tamariki intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public shortly. 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.

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If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact 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 at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Steve Groom', written in a cursive style.

Steve Groom

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