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Tēnā koe Henry Tan

On 22 February 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

1. *The rates of abuse in NZ state care from 2022-2023;*
2. *The historical rates of abuse in NZ state care from 1950-2000;*
3. *The percentage of state care youths that are classified as Maori and Pasifika as of 2023;*
4. *The total number of those currently in state care.*

On 3 March 2023, the Ministry advised you that questions 1, 3 and 4 of your request were transferred to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and is believed to be held by Oranga Tamariki.

I will now respond to the remaining part of your request, question 2.

2. *The historical rates of abuse in NZ state care from 1950-2000;*

Your request for this information is refused in full under section 18(d) of the Act as the information is publicly available.

You can find a copy of the 1 October 2020 report prepared for the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the Care of Faith-based Institutions, *Indicative estimates of the size of cohorts and levels of abuse in State and faith-based care - 1950 to 2019*, available for download at the following link:

- [www.abuseincare.org.nz/our-progress/library/v/195/size-of-cohorts-and-levels-of-abuse-in-state-and-faith-based-care-1950-to-2019](http://www.abuseincare.org.nz/our-progress/library/v/195/size-of-cohorts-and-levels-of-abuse-in-state-and-faith-based-care-1950-to-2019)

**Table 6** in this report outlines the cohort of people within social welfare care settings and identified survivors of abuse, from 1950 to 2019.


The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

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Ngā mihi nui

*p.p.* 

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