

1 September 2025

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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your email, received on 5 August 2025, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting information about the Military-style Academy Pilot. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Please note, Oranga Tamariki has also made a significant amount of information regarding the Military-style Academy Pilot (Pilot) publicly available on our website, [here](#).

You have requested:

Any reports, evaluations, updates, or progress briefings prepared by Oranga Tamariki regarding the military-style academy pilot for young offenders.

Any internal or external reporting on the outcomes or effectiveness of the pilot programme, including any data or commentary on recidivism, behavioural change, or wellbeing of participants.

The final evaluation report for the Pilot is currently being prepared and is due to be published by the end of 2025.

The preliminary evaluations for the residential and community stages of the Pilot are publicly available on the Oranga Tamariki website [here](#). Please also refer [here](#) for statements from Iain Chapman, Acting Deputy Chief Executive, Youth Justice Services and Residential Care regarding the Pilot, including a recent update about the conclusion of the Pilot found [here](#).

Given the above, your request is refused under the following sections of the Act:

- section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available
- section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information requested does not yet exist.

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.

I trust you find this information useful. 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping loop on the left side, followed by a series of smaller, more intricate strokes that form the letters 'I', 'C', and 'A', and then a long, horizontal line extending to the right.

Iain Chapman
Acting Deputy Chief Executive
Youth Justice Services and Residential Care