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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email, received on 6 June 2026, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting information regarding the number of children in the care of Oranga Tamariki, and how many of those have parents paying child support to Oranga Tamariki. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

When children come into state care, Oranga Tamariki is responsible for providing them with stable and secure placements and ensuring they are safe. National Care Standards set out the standard of care tamariki and rangatahi needs to do well and be well. Further information on Oranga Tamariki National Care Standards can be found [here](#).

I have responded to each part of your request below:

*I would like to know how many children Oranga Tamariki have in their care.*

As of end of March 2026 there were 4141 tamariki or rangatahi in the care of the Oranga Tamariki Chief Executive.

*Of the children in care how many have parents paying child support to Oranga Tamariki.*

On 23 June 2026, a letter was sent to you to advise that this part of your request was transferred to the Inland Revenue – Te Tari Taake under section 14(b)(i) of the Act, as I believe that the information is not held by Oranga Tamariki but is held by the Inland Revenue. You can expect a response from them in due course.

Oranga Tamariki may make the information contained in this letter available to the public by publishing this on our website with any 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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Simon Harding  
**Chief Advisor, Tamariki and Whānau Services**