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**Phased approach to strengthening the oversight of the Oranga Tamariki system**

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These documents have been proactively released:

* *10 April 2024, Cabinet paper - Phased approach to strengthening the oversight of the Oranga Tamariki system*
* *10 April 2024, Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee Minute SOU-24-MIN-0025, Cabinet Office.*

Introducing a phased approach to strengthen independence and monitoring of the oversight of the Oranga Tamariki System.

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* Section 9(2)(f)(iv) - the confidentiality of advice under active consideration.

The following documents that accompanied the Cabinet paper are already public:

* *Children and Young People’s Commission Act 2022,* which established the Children and young People’s Commission and will be reviewed:
<https://legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2022/0044/15.0/LMS733129.html#LMS733134>
* *Crown Entities Act 2004*, gives purpose to establishment, governance and operation of crown entities: [Crown Entities Act 2004 No 115 (as at 29 February 2024), Public Act Contents – New Zealand Legislation](https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2004/0115/latest/DLM329631.html)
* *Oranga Tamariki Act 1989*, which gives purpose, functions and powers to Oranga Tamariki:
[www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1989/0024/latest/DLM147088.html](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1989/0024/latest/DLM147088.html)
* *Oversight of the Oranga Tamariki System Act 2022*, which set out the functions duties and powers of the monitor and Ombudsmen in their roles under the oversight of the Oranga Tamariki System. <https://legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2022/0043/latest/LMS591372.html>

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