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Strengthening the Oversight of the Oranga Tamariki System: Next Steps

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These documents have been proactively released.

10 July 2024 Cabinet paper – Next Steps for strengthening the Oversight of the Oranga Tamariki system and attached Appendix: Terms of Reference

24 July 2024, Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee Minute SOU-MIN-0077, Cabinet Office

June 2024 Engagement Summary on Terms of Reference for the Independent Review

12 June 2024 Cover report REP/24/6/511 – Advice package to progress changes to the oversight of the Oranga Tamariki system

26 June 2024 Report REP/24/6/565 – Statutory review of the oversight of the Oranga Tamariki System Act 2022 and the Children and Young People’s Commission Act 2022.

The paper outlines the next steps needed 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
- Section 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of natural persons.

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

- *Phased approach to strengthening the oversight of the Oranga Tamariki system*
[Phased approach to strengthening the oversight of the Oranga Tamariki system - Ministry of Social Development \(msd.govt.nz\)](https://www.msd.govt.nz/our-work/our-approach-to-strengthening-the-oversight-of-the-oranga-tamariki-system)
- *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](#)
- *Oranga Tamariki Act 1989*, which gives purpose, functions and powers to Oranga Tamariki 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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