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Clarification of Policy Matters to Support the Oversight of the Oranga Tamariki System and Children's Commission Legislation Bill

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These documents have been proactively released.

11 December 2019, Cabinet Minute SWC-19-MIN-0207, Cabinet Office

16 December 2019, Cabinet paper - Clarification of Policy Matters to Support the Oversight of the Oranga Tamariki System and Children's Commission Legislation Bill

16 December 2019, Cabinet Minute CAB-19-MIN-0687, Cabinet Office.

In December 2019, Cabinet made further decisions to support the development of the Oversight of the Oranga Tamariki System and Children's Commission Legislation Bill. The proactive release of the Cabinet paper and associated minutes show what these decisions are and help to shape the ongoing development of the Bill.

Some parts of this information release would not be appropriate to release and, if requested, would be withheld under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Where this is the case, the relevant sections of the Act that would apply have been identified. Where information has been withheld, no public interest has been identified that would outweigh the reasons for withholding it. This is the key to the redaction code used for this release:

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

- *Cabinet paper – Strengthening independent oversight of Oranga Tamariki and children's issues.* This is the proactive release of the previous Cabinet paper in which Cabinet agreed to the work programme and the development of the draft Bill. www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/independent-oversight-of-the-care-of-children.html

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