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Ref: OIA-2023/24-0202

Dear [Redacted]

Official Information Act request relating to theoretical understanding of child development between the ages of 5 and 12

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 19 September 2023. You requested:

Please supply the following information under the [Official Information Act (OIA)]:

The theoretical understanding of child development between ages 5-12 years that guides your work relating to children. This may include any of the following which informs your work:

o child development theories/knowledge base/frameworks/models relevant to this age stage

o research focused on tamariki in this age stage.

As you may know, the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy is the framework to improve the wellbeing of all children and young people aged 0-24. We have not typically undertaken work focused on specific age groups, except for children in the 0-6 age range, with a particular focus on the first 1000 days of a child's life.

The Child Wellbeing and Poverty Reduction Group does not hold any information, theoretical research, child development theories/knowledge base/frameworks/models or general research relating to children in the 5-12 age range. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act, as the requested information does not exist.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely

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