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Crown Response to the Abuse in Care Inquiry

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| Subject of request | Request for documents relating to redress for Lake Alice survivors of torture | Date of response | 21 July 2025 |
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Notes

- The briefing titled *Determining the fiscal envelope for individual redress for torture at the Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit* is publicly available [here](#).



21 July 2025

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Tēnā koe

I refer to your request received on 10 July 2025, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). You requested the following advice to the Minister:

- 1. Determining the fiscal envelope for individual redress for torture at the Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit*
- 2. Interim approach on access to redress for survivors of abuse in State care with convictions for serious violent and sexual offending*

Response to your request

- 1. Determining the fiscal envelope for individual redress for torture at the Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit*

I am refusing this part of your request 18(d) of the OIA – the information requested will soon be made publicly available. It will be published [here](#) in due course.

- 3. Interim approach on access to redress for survivors of abuse in State care with convictions for serious violent and sexual offending*

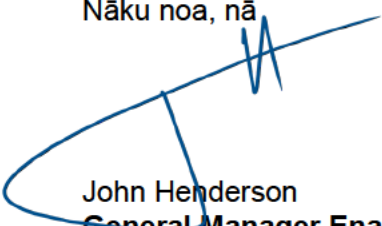
The matters relating to this advice are still under active consideration by the Government. Accordingly, I have refused your request under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials.

In making this decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA. I do not consider that these considerations outweigh the need to withhold the information.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact OIA@abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available via www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā


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