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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Request
Our Ref: SSCOIA 2020-0050

I refer to your official information request received on 9 June 2020 for.

“a list of all former CEO's for Child, Youth and Family Services (CYFS) later called Child, Youth and Family (CYF) from 1989 and until 2017. Their names and how long their tenure was”.

Information being released

Since 1972 the Department of Social Welfare was the Government agency concerned with the delivery of income support, the provision of social services to children and youth, the funding of community services and the provision of social policy advice.

In 1999 a series of changes saw the Department reorganised into three separate operational business units, the Income Support Service that paid benefits, child protection and a community funding service, all of which were overseen by a corporate office and policy group.

These changes eventually culminated in the establishment of three independent organisations the Ministry of Social Policy, the Department of Child, Youth and Family Services, and the Department of Work and Income.

On 1 October 1999, the State Services Commissioner at the time Michael Wintringham announced the establishment of a new Department called Child, Youth and Family Services (CYFS) and appointed Jackie Brown as the Chief Executive.

In the 2006, the CYFS and the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) merged. As a result of the merger, CYFS was renamed Child, Youth and Family (CYF) and became a functional unit of the MSD.

In 1 April 2017 the Ministry for Vulnerable Children, Oranga Tamariki was established and was renamed Oranga Tamariki - the Ministry for Children on 18 January 2018.

Please find in the table below the name of the Department, the name of the Chief Executive, and the period of time they held the role of Chief Executive since the Department of Social Welfare

Name of the Department	Chief Executive Name	Period of Time in the Role
Department of Social Welfare	John Waldron Grant	June 1988 – April 1991
Department of Social Welfare	Andrew Kirkland	August 1991 – February 1993
Department of Social Welfare	Margaret Bazley	June 1993 – June 2001
Child Youth and Family Services	Jackie Brown	October 1999 - November 2003

Child Youth and Family Services	Brenda Pioltt (Acting)	December 2003 - January 2004
Child Youth and Family Services	Dr Russ Ballard (Acting)	January 2004 - August 2004
Child Youth and Family Services	Paula Tyler	August 2004 - January 2006
Child Youth and Family Services	Shenagh Gelisner (Acting)	December 2005 - March 2006
Ministry of Social Development	Peter Hughes	October 2001 - September 2011
Ministry of Social Development	Brendan Boyle	October 2011 - December 2018
Oranga Tamariki	Grainne Moss	August 2016 - current

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Ministerial.Services@ssc.govt.nz.

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Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the State Services Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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