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Dear D. Bevyn Roberts

Thank you for your emailing the Ministry of Education on 7 August 2019 to request the following information:

- *Could you advise how much money was paid to the Dome Network to oversee school bus operations in the Northern Southland region. Figures for the last two financial years please.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The table below provides the funding paid to the Lumsden Directly Resourced (DR) Network ('DOME'):

Year	Amount (Excl. GST)
2017/18	\$847,501.18
2018/19	\$882,654.72

As you may be aware, some schools or groups of schools are bulk funded for school transport. This is known as Direct Resourcing (DR) and means it is up to the individual school Board of Trustees to arrange transport for its students.

For a bulk funded DR school, the Ministry will design bus routes based on the location of the school's eligible students. The value of those routes is then paid to the school or, if the school belongs to a directly resourced network, to the lead school's Board of Trustees. For DOME, the lead school is Northern Southland College. Note that, while the Ministry designs routes to calculate funding, the ultimate route design chosen is dictated by the DR school or network. Northern Southland College will be able to provide you with more information about the DOME school bus routes.

Under section 28(3), you have the right to refer this response to an Ombudsman. You can do this by emailing info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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