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Dear Grant Elmsly

I am writing in relation to your Official Information Act requests dated 2, 3, 15 and 18 September 2013, relating to the closure of the school at the Princess of Wales Health Camp.

An initial assessment of the task has been undertaken and the Ministry has concerns that responding to your request may involve substantial research collation and research. The reasons for this are the:

- total number of documents involved
- range of information requested
- number of years of information to be searched
- number of officials who may have had involvement with the issue, from a variety of offices and divisions within the Ministry.

The Ministry has considered whether imposing a charge or extending the timeframes for response would enable a response to be made to your request as it is currently worded. However we do not believe that these options are feasible at this time.

Before the Ministry makes a final decision whether to decline your request under section 18(f) of the Act, we would like to invite you to refine the scope of the information you are seeking. For example, you may wish to limit your request to one aspect of the topic.

If you are able to refine your request, please respond to me by Friday 11 October. If we have not heard from you by that time, the Ministry will proceed to make a decision on your request as currently worded.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or if you require any further assistance, please contact Kate Ford, Advisor, at [kate.ford@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:kate.ford@minedu.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

  
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