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Dear Colleen

Thank you for your email of 12 January 2020 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

*The supplementary analysis prepared by Dr Andrea Schollmann, Deputy Secretary, Education System Policy, Ministry of Education (Ministry) to the Regulatory Impact Assessment in relation to the Education and Training Bill (Bill) dated 27 November 2019, "Supplementary Analysis - Making religious instruction opt-in" contains a statement at section 2.1 that the Ministry believes the religious instruction provisions in the Bill are consistent in principle with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.*

*Please provide all information on which this belief is based including any memos, reports, consultation, correspondence and any other information.*

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

We have identified one document within scope of your request: *Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990: Education and Training Bill*. This document provides advice from the Ministry of Justice to the Attorney General advising that the Education and Training Bill appears to be consistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. This is publically available on the Ministry of Justice website which you can find here <https://www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/Education-and-Training-Bill.pdf>

For this reason, I am refusing to provide this document under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information is publicly available.

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes OIA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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