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Dear Blaize

Thank you for your email of 15 January 2020 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- 1. Please provide a csv file on the total amount each individual school in New Zealand has received from the Ministry for the purpose of Building, Maintenance, and the upkeep and modernisation of Land, Buildings etc between January 2010 and December 2019.*
- 2. Please also provide information on the amount each school has received from the Ministry for the purpose of installing internet facilities such as wifi routers, servers, etc between January 2010 and December 2019.*

On 23 January we clarified part two of this request to include both the funding made directly available to each school, and the cost of the active equipment.

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

Part one of your request

In response to the first part of your request, the csv file in **Appendix One** shows the total Capital Spend and Maintenance aspect of the Operations Grant for all State Not Integrated schools for the last 10 years.

About the data:

- The data excludes GST
- Spend is from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2019
- Excludes \$230M of spend on land and buildings for schools that have not yet opened
- Excludes internal Ministry costs of delivery and national initiatives where analysis at the School level is not available
- Excludes Private, Public, Partnerships
- Regarding the capital spend, the Ministry's asset management systems have been upgraded at various points in the last 10 years, so the data used in preparing this response has been sourced from multiple sources. Prior to 2013/14 accruals and prepayments were on occasion collected for multiple schools and projects together, so it is possible there are minor variances in the capital spend at school level due to the way the financials were processed in these earlier years.
- State Integrated Schools have not been included as Capital funding is provided to the proprietor, and some proprietors may own multiple schools.

Please note that the Operations Grant also provides for non-teaching staff. Some schools may use part of their Operations Grant to pay for things that have a property outcome. For example, the school may directly employ a Caretaker. This type of direct expenditure by the schools themselves will not be included in the figures that we have provided you. The figures relate to Ministry spend only.

Part two of your request

In response to the second part of your request the spreadsheet in **Appendix Two** shows the funding made directly available to each school for internet facilities, and the cost of the active equipment.

About the data:

School Network Upgrade Project (SNUP) and Wireless School Network Upgrade Project (WSNUP)

These are the costs on a school basis for the financial years from 2010/11 to 2019/20 (to date) for the SNUP and WSNUP projects. These costs are exclusive of GST.

The costs are Ministry-only spend related to the SNUP and WSNUP projects, they do not include schools' contributions to the projects nor costs from any other area of expenditure. The costs cover not just the actual network equipment (e.g. wireless access points and network switches) but work that is required to make the equipment functional e.g. network infrastructure, installation and integration of product.

Information and Communication Technology – Operational Funding

Information and communication technology (ICT) funding is part of the operational funding that schools receive, and the amounts have been provided on a calendar year basis.

Operational funding is the money a school's board of trustees receives from the Government to run the school and to achieve the objectives specified in the school's charter.

Although operational funding for schools is broken into components, like ICT Funding, the various funds are not 'tagged'. This means schools have discretion over what the funding is used for with the school's board of trustees being responsible for financial management.

The ICT funding provided is to help schools buy hardware and software. It is calculated using a base rate and a per-pupil rate.

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 or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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