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Tēnā koe Sean

Thank you for your email of 5 June 2020 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

1. *What is the final cost of all work done by all contractors and other bodies on the refurbishment of the Takapuna Grammar School main building refurbishment since it began?*

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

The redevelopment of the Main Block at Takapuna Grammar is still ongoing and is expected to be completed over the coming months. While the project was initially announced in April 2016, with a budget of \$26 million and a completion date of mid-2018, as work progressed the structural defects stemming from the unreinforced masonry of the Main Block of the school were found to be more widespread than initially anticipated. These defects required complex engineering solutions that lengthened the timeline of this project. As the redevelopment is ongoing, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information you have requested does not yet exist.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

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