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Sherridan Jerrett fyi-request-1388-0dc3e967@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Sherridan Jerrett

Thank you for your email of 4 January 2014 requesting:

1. All Ministry Payments made to Mrs Bev Moore, Commissioner of Wairau Valley School Marlborough (3062), between June 2010 and January 2014 in any capacity at the school. Include subtotals for:

a. Wairau Valley School direct payments as Commissioner;

b. Ministry direct payments for commissioner expenses;

c. Other Wairau Valley direct payments (in any capacity excluding Commissioner payments); and

d. Other payments made either directly or indirectly (eg NZSTA) to her for her support to Wairau Valley School. Brief descriptions required.

2. Any Supplementary funding applied for, and if approved, to cover her ongoing costs as Commissioner to Wairau Valley School Marlborough. Include dates and authorising authority

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

Information Released

All of the information that the Ministry holds, in relation to part 1 of your request above, is released as follows:

- Table A contains a summary of copies of invoices from Bev Moore to Wairau Valley School for her work as Commissioner. Please note that the Ministry has not made any payments to Bev Moore in her capacity as Commissioner of Wairau Valley School (3062) between the dates specified.
- Table B contains details of Ministry payments to Bev Moore in relation to Board training prior to being appointed Commissioner.

The Office of the Ombudsman is the appropriate body to address any complaint you may have about a Board of Trustees or Commissioner's lack of response to your request for official information.

Information Refused

The information you requested under point 2 is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

The Education Act 1989 requires schools to meet the cost of any statutory intervention. In certain circumstances, schools may apply to the Ministry for financial support to meet the cost of the intervention. The Ministry holds details of some of the invoices from each statutory appointee to every school, irrespective of whether that school is in receipt of financial assistance (see Table A).

I understand from your 31 January email that you may be having difficulty obtaining information from the Commissioner and school under the Official Information Act. The Office of the Ombudsman is the appropriate body to address any complaint you may have about a Board of Trustees or Commissioner's lack of response to your request

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Table A

Record of Invoices from Bev Moore to Wairau Valley School - Commissioner,

June 2010 – January 2014

Date of invoice	Period	Hours	Amount invoiced
28/02/2013	January – February hours and travel costs	56	\$5,096.00
31/03/2013	March hours, travel and expenses	40	\$3,784.20
30/04/2013	April hours and travel	26.5	\$2,428.00
31/05/2013	May hours	6	\$480.00
30/06/2013	June hours and travel	7	\$683.20
31/07/2013	July hours and travel	5	\$461.60
31/08/2013	August hours and travel	12	\$1,144.80
30/09/2013	September hours, travel and expenses	17.5	\$1,613.30
31/10/2013	October hours	60	\$480.00
30/11/2013	November hours and travel	26	\$2,388.00
31/12/2013	December hours and travel	24.5	\$2,268.00
	Total	226.5	\$20,827.10

Table B

Record of Invoices from Bev Moore to the Ministry of Education – Board
Training, June 2010 – January 2014

Date of invoice	Notes	Hours	Amount invoiced
30/04/2011	Combined training Wairau Valley School and Lake Rotoiti School, travel and expenses*	11	\$850.00
10/05/2011	Combined training Wairau Valley School and Lake Rotoiti School and travel*	11	\$937.00
03/11/2012	Training – Wairau Valley School and travel	8	\$600.00
	Total	30	\$2,387

^{*}Please note: as these amounts are for combined Wairau Valley School & Lake Rotoiti School training, the Ministry is unable to separate out the cost to each individual school.