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Tēnā koe Will

Thank you for your email of 18 May 2021 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- 1) *I'm requesting copies of the responses to OIA requests received by the Ministry and/or the Minister of Education between 2016 and 2020 containing:*
 - a) *Lists of reports, aide memoires, briefings, memos etc. provided to the Minister over a specific period*
- 2) *Please include responses from former Ministers of Education during this period as well as the current Minister.*

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

When a request for information is received by an agency, one of the considerations we give the request is whether our agency is best placed to answer it. Section 14 of the Act allows agencies to transfer requests if they do not hold the information, but know who does, or, when we believe the information is more closely connected with the functions of another agency.

In all instances during the timeframe of your request, requests of this nature received by the Ministry were transferred to the Minister for response. As such, the Ministry has not directly responded to any request under the Act for lists of papers provided to the Minister of Education.

I am aware that you have also sent this request to Minister Hipkins. Ordinarily we would transfer part of your request to the Minister for response, however as he already has received it directly, you can expect to hear from him regarding responses sent during his tenure as Minister of Education, being 26 October 2017 to 18 May 2021.

In relation to responses in scope of your request that were sent between 1 January 2016 to 26 October 2017 by the former Minister of Education, Nikki Kaye, these are held by the Ministry and I am releasing them to you in part with the original requestors name and contact details withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

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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