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Tēnā koe Mr Hirsche

Thank you for your email of 6 August 2021 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- 1. I understand that a review of ITE currently underway. I would like to understand the scope and purpose of that review. Do you have a workplan or similar document that sets out the aim, scope, purpose and goals of this review and also the timelines for its completion.*
- 2. I assume that this work is being carried out with the teaching council. I would like to see anything you have around a joint scope of work and shared responsibilities*
- 3. I would also like to see all recent correspondence between the Minister and Ministry on ITE. I could not see anything in your website under recent advice.*

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

In March 2021 Cabinet agreed to an Education Work Programme (EWP) 2021 for this term of Government. Details of this work programme have been published and are available here: <https://www.education.govt.nz/our-work/information-releases/issue-specific-releases/education-portfolio-work-programme/>

This work programme includes “work to attract and develop a strong, culturally competent education workforce that is capable, supported, valued and connected, including through changes to improve Initial Teacher Education.”

The Ministry of Education and the Teaching Council are developing advice and options for improving initial teacher education (ITE), as outlined above. This work is focused on three areas:

- Ensuring appropriate content in ITE programmes;
- Strengthening the quality of practical learning and experience in ITE programmes and during induction and mentoring into teaching; and
- Enabling more diverse pathways into teaching.

We have identified four documents within scope of your request. However, this work is currently in the early stages of development and is still under active consideration. At this time, we are therefore withholding this information in full under the following sections of the Act:

- *The information has been withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.*

- *The information has been withheld in full under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by, between or to Ministers of the Crown.*

We have identified no public interest considerations sufficient to outweigh the need to withhold this information at this time. However, it is the Ministry's policy to proactively release advice to Ministers on our website once decisions have been made.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Schöllmann', written in a cursive style.

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