



19 October

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Tēnā koe T Barnett

Thank you for your email of 22 September and subsequent clarification email of 10 October to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- *A copy of any current Ministry-approved lease agreements for Te Puke Primary, specifically about after school programs, and any documents that were provided in support of the current leases.*

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

We have made enquiries with the relevant Business Units and have determined that the information you have requested is not held by the Ministry.

The Ministry only holds records in relation to agreements that are consented by the Secretary for Education. Not every occupancy agreement requires the Secretary's consent. School boards can prepare and enter casual use agreements without Ministry involvement, and the Ministry does not usually receive copies of casual use agreements unless requested.

The main difference between a casual use agreement and a Ministry consented occupancy agreement is that the Ministry consented agreements give stronger occupancy rights to third party occupants. You can read more about leasing and hiring school property here: [Lease agreements and application process – Education in New Zealand](#)

We have contacted Te Puke Primary and confirmed that they have the information that you are requesting. I have therefore transferred your request to Te Puke Primary in accordance with section 14(b)(i).

You may expect a response from Te Puke Primary directly concerning your request.

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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