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Tēnā koe Chuck

Thank you for your request of 19 January 2022 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- 1. Total Teachers January 2021 employed to service public schools Total Teachers January 2022 employed to service public schools*
- 2. Total shortfall due to the vaccine mandate*
- 3. Cost / Benefit Analysis completed that justifies firing the disobedient teachers that refuse to get the experimental gene therapy blackmailed on them by Mrs Gayford*
- 4. Any and all reporting completed by the Ministry of Education that was provided to this government administration that recommended losing skilled teachers*
- 5. If there was no input from Ministry of Education can you please provide the costs and unintended consequences of the decision above and what sort of impact it is going to have on resourcing and public schools being able to adequately do their work*
- 6. Can you please provide any all reporting provided to the MOE that justifies the governments decision to fire the naughty teachers and the signatories to the reports.*
- 7. If there were Ministers involved please provide their Education, Teaching credentials*

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

Q1. Total Teachers January 2022 employed to service public schools

I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act as this information does not currently exist. Workforce data is provided to the Ministry by schools annually, and as there were no schools open for the month of January 2022, the data is currently not available in the format requested.

The workforce data for 2021 is publicly available at the following link for your reference:
<https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/statistics/teacher-numbers>.

Q2. Total shortfall due to the vaccine mandate

I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act, as the Ministry does not hold shortfall data. Schools, kura and centres are responsible for ensuring that all of their staff are compliant with the vaccine mandate, and may hold their own shortfall data, but there is no single agency that holds this information centrally.

The mandatory vaccination order is a Public Health matter. The Ministry's role is to support schools to implement the requirements of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Protection Framework) Order 2021 and subsequent amendments, including providing guidance and assistance on any staffing issues or concerns.

Q3. Cost / Benefit Analysis completed that justifies firing the disobedient teachers that refuse to get the experimental gene therapy blackmailed on them by Mrs Gayford

As noted above, the mandatory vaccination order is a Public Health matter. As such, the Ministry did not undertake a cost / benefit analysis to inform decisions. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

Q4. Any and all reporting completed by the Ministry of Education that was provided to this government administration that recommended losing skilled teachers

As noted above, the mandatory vaccination order is a Public Health matter. As such, the Ministry of Education did not produce any reports that recommended losing skilled teachers. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

While this part of your request is substantively refused, the Cabinet Paper which agreed to bring the education workforce under the mandatory vaccination order is available here and may be of interest to you:

[Education-System-Vaccination-and-Testing-Requirements-Redacted.pdf](#)

Q5. If there was no input from Ministry of Education can you please provide the costs and unintended consequences of the decision above and what sort of impact it is going to have on resourcing and public schools being able to adequately do their work

I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as this information does not exist. As noted above, The Ministry's role is to support schools to implement the requirements of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Protection Framework) Order 2021 and subsequent amendments. The Ministry's main channel for doing so is via the Bulletin for School Leaders and the COVID-19 section of our website.

Our bulletins can be found at the following link: <https://bulletins.education.govt.nz/>, and specific guidance for the various settings of the COVID-19 Protection Framework can be found here: [COVID-19 Protection Framework for schools and kura – Education in New Zealand](#).

Of interest to you, the bulletin provided on 9 December 2021 gave guidance on schools managing staffing concerns: [December 9 2021 School Bulletin](#).

Q6. Can you please provide any all reporting provided to the MOE that justifies the government's decision to fire the naughty teachers and the signatories to the reports.

I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as there was no reporting provided to the Ministry of Education in scope of this part of your request.

Q7. If there were Ministers involved, please provide their Education, Teaching credentials

The decision to implement the Public Health Order was agreed upon by Cabinet. This Cabinet Paper regarding the decision-making process around vaccination and testing requirements in the education system will be proactively released on the Government's COVID-19 website. You will be able to access the paper, when made available, at the following link: [Education | Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](https://www.education.govt.nz/unite-against-covid-19/).

All Minister credentials are available online at many different sources, including here: www.beehive.govt.nz/ministers. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information is publicly available.

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 xxxx@xxxxxxxxx.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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