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Tēnā koe Mike

Thank you for your email of 11 May 2022 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

*I see from the news that you have purchased one or more houses in Marlborough, by the sounds of the news story as part of the work you are doing at Marlborough boys and Girls Colleges, and the intermediate school.*

- 1. Can you please advise of the legal basis and mechanism that you purchased these properties with ie. were they purchased under the public works act, if so under what provision/s.*
- 2. Can you also please advise of all the types and amounts of compensation paid to the owners for each property you have purchased. if for some reason you cannot disclose the amounts paid then please list all the types of payments made.*

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

One property has recently been acquired for the Tautoru o Wairau project, situated at 35 McLauchlan Street, Blenheim. This is a significant project at Marlborough Girls' College (MGC) and Marlborough Boys' College (MBC). This property was acquired under section 17 of the Public Works Act (PWA). It was not compulsorily acquired. The compensation paid was negotiated based on advice provided by two independent registered valuers, and agreed at \$680,000 plus a sum of \$50,000 as provided for under section 72 of the PWA together with the apportionment of rates

The purchase price of the property is also publicly available at the following link:  
<https://homes.co.nz/address/blenheim/springlands/35-mclauchlan-street/gKWDN>.

The homeowner is also entitled to disturbance costs under section 66 of the PWA to cover their reasonable expenses, such as valuation, legal or relocation costs. The full text of the PWA can be found here: <https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1981/0035/latest/DLM45427.html>, and you can read more about acquisitions for public works here: <https://www.linz.govt.nz/crown-property/acquisition-and-disposal-land/acquisitions-for-public-works>.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Evans', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Scott Evans

**Hautū | Deputy Secretary**

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