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Tēnā koe Matt

Thank you for your email of 23 September 2022 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- 1. The scientific and/or public health advice received and/or considered by MoE that supports the advice provided on the poster regarding the level and acceptable duration of different CO₂ levels in a classroom.*
- 2. Any other documentation (including, but not limited to email, meeting notes, reviews, earlier proposed versions) relating to the creation, review and publication of this poster.*
- 3. Any documentation that involves discussion of the relationship between the acceptable levels of CO₂ described in the "How to Slow Covid-19" poster and the "Indoor Air Quality and Thermal Comfort" requirements provided at <https://assets.education.govt.nz/public/Documents/Primary-Secondary/Property/Design/Indoor-Air-Quality-and-Thermal-Comfort-V2-v2.0-2022.pdf>*
- 4. In the case that the "How To Slow Covid-19" poster and the "Indoor Air Quality and Thermal Comfort" document are owned by different teams / departments / people / groups within MoE - all communication between these groups that discusses classroom CO₂ levels and ventilation between February and September 2022 inclusive.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). In accordance with section 15(1) of the Act, this letter is to advise you that a decision has been made to grant your request in part.

We have identified a significant amount of information in scope of parts 1-3 of your request that needed to be considered for release. We are currently finalising the information in scope, and will release it to you without undue delay.

Some information will be withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of individuals – applicable to contact and personal information
- 9(2)(ba)(i) – to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence and where disclosure would likely prejudice the supply of similar information from the same source and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied
- 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions between members of an organisation in the course of their duty in advising the Ministry.

In response to Part 4 of your request, we have considered the scope to be much broader than for parts 1-3, as it refers to all communication discussing CO₂ and ventilation, as opposed to information relating to the poster only. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review the decision on your request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10-152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "EDrysdale". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "E".

Emma Drysdale
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Government, Executive and Ministerial Services**