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Dear Gregor

Thank you for your email of 1 December 2014 requesting the following information:

- *correspondence and minutes of any meetings between the Ministry of Education's Infrastructure Service and the senior management and Boards of Trustees of Shirley Boys' High School and Avonside Girls' High School, relating to possible sites for the combined relocation of these schools and the timeline for implementing these moves.*

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

In late 2013 the Government announced a \$1.137 billion investment in renewing, repairing and rebuilding 115 schools in greater Christchurch including the joint relocation and rebuild of Avonside Girls' High School and Shirley Boys' High School. Co-location of Avonside Girls' and Shirley Boys' High Schools will provide a significant opportunity for the schools to develop closer collaborative arrangements.

The Ministry of Education has worked closely with the Boards of Trustees of both schools to narrow down the options for relocation. Criteria considered include accessibility to local amenities, size and shape of the site, current land use and form, access, and whether planning rules are appropriate. Five sites met these criteria: Prestons Road, Horseshoe Lake Road, Shirley, Queen Elizabeth II Park, Burwood Park, New Brighton and Woodham and Wilding Parks. From these five, the Ministry and Boards of Trustees selected Burwood Park and QEII Park as the most suitable. The schools have been considering their preferred option and the Minister of Education is likely to announce the final decision in early 2015.

The consultation process between the Ministry and the Boards of Trustees has involved several meetings and regular correspondence. We have interpreted your request to mean all letters and emails between Education Infrastructure Services (EIS), the two schools' senior management and Boards of Trustees about possible sites and the timeline for relocation as well as meeting minutes.

We found over 80 email trails regarding this topic. Many of these emails were about organising meetings and other process related matters. Although these emails mention the topic you seek information about, providing you with these emails will not further inform you about the combined relocation and the timeline for this. It would take too long and take front line Ministry staff away from core business to collate all of these emails so we have scoped your request to only include those matters you are interested in.

There are 13 documents with six attachments in scope of your request which are itemised in the attached list. These documents include correspondence about the plan for site acquisition beginning in April 2014, then move onto the selection process in September, and finally discussions regarding the two preferred sites from October onward. Documents (4a), (5a), (9a) and (13a) have been released to you in full and documents (1), (1a), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (8a), (9), (10), (11), (12) and (13) have been released in part. Deletions have been made under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect individuals' privacy and 9(2)(f)(iii) of the Act to protect the political neutrality of Ministry staff. Deletions have also been made under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown.

Thank you again for your request. If you are unsatisfied with my response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this response. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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Document Number:	Date:	Name of document:	Decision:	Section of the Act (from which to withhold):
1	25 November 2014	AGHS/SBHS site	Partial release	Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iii)
1a	No date	Attachment to document (1): Joint criteria	Partial release	Section 9(2)(f)(iv)
2	15 October 2014	AGHS/SBHS site	Partial release	Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iii)
3	29 September 2014	Ministry of Education Site criteria weightings Sept 14	Partial release	Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iii)
3a	September 2014	Attachment to document (3): Ministry of Education – Draft weightings for potential site selection for Avonside Girls' High School, and Shirley Boys' High School	Release in full	Not applicable
4	22 September 2014	AGHS/SBHS Ministry draft Weighting Sept 2014	Partial release	Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iii)
4a	No date	Attachment to document (4): AGHS and SBHS site selection process	Release in full	Not applicable
5	19 September 2014	Site selection criteria	Partial release	Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iii)
6	19 September 2014	FW: AGHS/SBHS Site selection criteria – draft	Partial release	Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iii)
7	16 September 2014	AGHS/SBHS site selection workshop meeting notes	Partial release	Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iii)
7a	9 September 2014	Attachment to document (7): AGHS – SBHS site selection workshop	Partial release	Sections 9(2)(f)(iii) and 9(2)(f)(iv)
8	15 September 2014	AGHS/SBHS site selection criteria – draft	Partial release	Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iii)
8a	No date	AGHS and SBHS site selection process	Release in full	Not applicable
9	15 September 2014	RE: Key message and other bits and pieces...	Partial release	Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iii)
10	7 September 2014	Site identification – AGHS, SBHS	Partial release	Section 9(2)(a)
11	30 October 2014	AGHS – SBHS site calculator	Partial release	Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iii)
12	26 June 2014	RE: Property update meeting AGHS	Partial release	Section 9(2)(a)
13	23 April 2014	RE: AGHS/SBHS Indicative programme	Partial release	Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iii)
13a	No date	Attachment to document (13): AGHS SBHS New Site Acquisition Programme	Release in full	Not applicable