

Hon Erica Stanford

Minister of Education
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Ref: ESOIA2

Alison Ayr
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Tēnā koe Alison,

I refer to your request for information under the Official Information Act (1987) (the Act dated 5 December, 2023 requesting the following:

“Erica Stanford claims that less than half of students are achieving at standard for Reading, Writing, and Maths. Can you please provide the data on which that claim is based?”

This information is already publicly available at <https://nmssa.otago.ac.nz/nmssa-data/>

As you are able to access this information yourself, I am refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Act: *“that the information requested is or will soon be publicly available”*

For clarification: my statement on the AM show on 1 December does not specify reading, writing, and maths to be under 50% at curriculum, and instead reads:

“At the moment it's less than 50 percent for almost every area.”

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E Stanford'.

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