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Tēnā koe Tessa

OIA: 1330402 - Summary of pupil exclusions in the last 5 years

Thank you for your email of 9 June 2024 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

- 1. The number of Year 1-8 pupils excluded from New Zealand schools in the last 5 years, broken down by the length of time between their exclusion and placement by the Ministry into a school.
- 2. The total FTE (not including vacant positions) at the Ministry of Education who have as part of their role, the responsibility of finding placements for excluded students, as at the end of each of the last 4 calendar years, and a monthly figure since the beginning of 2024 to present.
- 3. The total number of Year 1-8 students who have been excluded and are presently (at 1 June 2024) awaiting placement into another school. I also request this same number as at 1 June 2023.

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

The Ministry needs to extend the timeframe for responding to your request, pursuant to section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. You can now expect to receive a response to your request on or before 15 July 2024, which is an extension of 5 working days.

You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate our decision to extend the timeframe for responding to this request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

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