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Ref: ES0IA261

Tēnā koe Joyce

Thank you for your email of 4 October 2024 requesting the following information:

Please provide all information relating to costs (including indicative) for the establishment of department of school building.

Please provide information relating to alternative options considered including functional CE, departmental agency etc.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

I have interpreted your request to be for formal documents and correspondence that provided me with substantive advice on options in response to the Ministerial Inquiry into School Property.

I have identified five documents, consisting of one Cabinet Paper and four reports. I am refusing your request for these documents under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested will soon be publicly available. Please note that some information will be withheld in the published version of these documents under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons;
- 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty; and
- 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

As required under section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered the public interest in releasing the information withheld. I do not consider the public interest considerations favouring the release of this information are sufficient to outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā

Hon Erica Stanford
Minister of Education

Document Table

#	Date	Name	Decision on release
1	22 July 2024	Aide-Memoire: 2024-0210 - Report of the Ministerial Inquiry into School Property	Refused in full. Refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information will soon become publicly available on the Public Service Commission website at https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/guidance/official-information/official-information-act-requests
2	5 August 2024	Report: 2024-0232 - Draft Cabinet paper Report of the Ministerial Inquiry into School Property	Refused in full. Refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information will soon become publicly available on the Public Service Commission website at https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/guidance/official-information/official-information-act-requests with some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act.
3	12 August 2024	Aide-Memoire: 2024-0244 - Ministerial consultation on draft Cabinet paper responding to the school property inquiry	Refused in full. Refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information will soon become publicly available on the Public Service Commission website at https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/guidance/official-information/official-information-act-requests
4	26 August 2024	Aide-Memoire: 2024-0259 - Consultation on updated draft Cabinet paper responding to the School Property Inquiry	Refused in full. Refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information will soon become publicly available on the Public Service Commission website at https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/guidance/official-information/official-information-act-requests
5	25 September 2024	Cabinet Paper: Response to the Report of the Ministerial Inquiry into School Property	Refused in full. Refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information will soon become publicly available at https://www.education.govt.nz/our-work/information-releases/issue-specific-releases/ with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.