



MP for Epsom

Deputy Prime Minister (from 31 May 2025)

Minister for Regulation

Associate Minister of Education (Partnership Schools)

Associate Minister of Finance

Associate Minister of Health (Pharmac)

Associate Minister of Justice (Treaty Principles Bill)

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M Grange

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Dear M Grange

Response to your request for official information

Our ref: DSOIA326

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) which was partially transferred to my office on 12 November 2024.

You requested:

- *All correspondence from kindergarten associations to the Minister or Ministry personnel relating to this ECE Regulatory Review.*
- *Any internal or external memos, diary notes, or the like, between the Minister and/or Ministry personnel relating to kindergartens, kindergarten associations in relation to this ECE Regulatory Review*

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

The information within scope is attached. Some information is redacted to protect the privacy of natural persons and content we deem out of scope.

The Ministry for Regulation (the Ministry) is withholding all individual submissions received for the Early childhood education regulatory review (the Review) under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the OIA, as the information in the submissions was provided under an obligation of confidence.

In accordance with section 16(1)(e) of the OIA, the Ministry has decided to release the information contained in the submissions in a summarised format. The Ministry has recently released two reports on the Review which summarise all feedback and information provided through our engagement hub. You can find copies of these reports at regulation.govt.nz/mfr-what-we-do/corporate-publications.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA and concluded that the public interest in disclosure does not outweigh the need to withhold the information.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David." with a period at the end.

Hon David Seymour
Minister for Regulation