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Dear Ms Khan

Thank you for your email of 4 June 2015 to the Ministry of Education asking for the following:

1. *The 2nd and 3rd quarter 2014 reports to the Minister, as required under Section 18.2 b i of the contract;*
2. *The 2014 Annual Report to the Minister, as required under Section 18.2 b ii of the contract;*
3. *The two National Standards reports to the Ministry, for each of the schools for which National Standards apply, as required under Section 18.3 a and Section 18.3 c i of the contract*
4. *The audited annual financial statements of each school, as required under Section 18.5a of the contract.*

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

Much of the information in scope of your request has been made available as part of the Ministry's information releases about Partnership Schools | Kura Hourua. You can view the information that has already been released at:

<http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/information-releases/partnership-schools-kura-hourua-information-release>.

#### *Question One*

The second and third quarter reports for 2014 have been made available as part of the public information release on 24 July 2015. I am therefore refusing your request for these documents under section 18(d) of the Act as the documents requested are publicly available.

#### *Question Two*

The 2014 annual reports for Round One schools to the Minister have not yet been finalised. Once this process has occurred they will be made publicly available on the Ministry's website in the scheduled proactive release of information. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Act as the information is soon to be made publicly available. The Ministry has released an interim Education Report about the status of the annual reports for 2014. This is available on the link above.

Please note that apart from Te Pumanawa o te Wairua, the schools have also made a separate report available through the respective Sponsors websites.

*Question Three*

Under section 18.3 of the Partnership School Agreement, Partnership Schools must report twice a year on national standards achieved by each student. These are not stand-alone reports: this information is included in the second quarter and annual reports. The second quarter reports were part of the public information release on 24 July 2015. I am therefore refusing this part of the request under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is publicly available.

*Question Four*

Regarding the audited accounts, I refer you to Clause 18.4(b) of the Agreement, which requires that Partnership Schools make these publicly available by 31 May each year, in relation to the previous financial year.

Ngā Parirau Mātauranga, Sponsor of Te Pumanawa o te Wairua, has not yet provided such accounts to the Ministry or made them publicly available. In relation to this Sponsor, I am refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry, and I have no reason to believe it is held by another agency. The Ministry is continuing to work with the Sponsor to ensure this information is provided.

The remaining four Sponsors have made their audited accounts available. You will need to contact the schools to obtain them. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act as the documents requested are publicly available. The Ministry will also be making these available with the annual reports when they are released.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to ask an Ombudsman to review my response. The Office of the Ombudsman can be contacted at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz), or by writing to PO Box 10-152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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