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Dear Ms Smith

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of 8 December 2015, in which you requested:

- *A complete list of the educational institutions (including pre-schools, primary, intermediate and high schools) that have been closed by the Ministry of Education in Canterbury since the 2011 election*
- *A complete list of the educational institutions (including pre-schools, primary, intermediate and high schools) that the Ministry of Education currently intends to close in Canterbury*
- *The Government valuation of each of these institutions (with both land and built improvements)*
- *The current state of ownership of the schools that have been closed. This includes who they have been offered to, which have been sold, and who to.*

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

In my response to each part of your request (below), I have interpreted 'Canterbury' to mean the Canterbury Region, and 'pre-schools' to mean early childhood education (ECE) centres.

- **A complete list of the educational institutions (including pre-schools, primary, intermediate and high schools) that have been closed by the Ministry of Education in Canterbury since the 2011 election**

ECE Centres

The grounds for the Ministry suspending or cancelling the licence of an ECE centre are laid down in the Education (Early Childhood Services) Regulations 2008, which you can access at:

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2008/0204/latest/DLM1412592.html>.

Across New Zealand, the majority of ECE centres' licences are cancelled because services have voluntarily cease to operate. Since 2011, the licences of some ECE centres in Canterbury have been cancelled because of earthquake damage or the merger of services.

I am providing you with a spreadsheet, attached to this letter, which shows the ECE centres in Canterbury whose licences have been cancelled by the Ministry of Education since 26 November 2011 (election day). The spreadsheet also shows whether these services are currently open or closed.

Primary, intermediate and high schools

School closures are either voluntary, or directed by the Minister following consultation with the school Board.

You can access the relevant legislation about school closures (section 154 of the Education Act 1989) at <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1989/0080/latest/DLM182435.html>.

Table 1 (below) lists the schools in Canterbury that were closed by the Ministry between election day 2011 and 31 December 2015, and why they were closed.

Table 1: School closures in Canterbury, 26 November 2011 to December 31 2015

School	Date of closure	Reasons for closure
Glenelg Health Camp School	27/01/2012	STAND Children's Services has taken over the provision of education at Health Camps across the country
McKenzie Residential School	27/01/2013	Fewer places are needed at residential schools because children are now being supported to attend their local school
Le Bons Bay School	27/01/2013	Low roll, few preschoolers in the community, other schools situated nearby
Hammersley Park School	27/01/2013	Low roll, few preschoolers in the community, other schools situated nearby
Kendal School	27/01/2014	School no longer viable in the longer term Christchurch network following the earthquakes
Richmond School	27/01/2014	School no longer viable in the longer term Christchurch network following the earthquakes
Greenpark School	27/01/2014	School no longer viable in the longer term Christchurch network following the earthquakes
Glenmoor School	27/01/2014	School no longer viable in the longer term Christchurch network following the earthquakes
Linwood Intermediate School	27/01/2014	Linwood College became Year 7-13
Manning Intermediate School	27/01/2014	Hillmorton College became Year 7-13
Branston Intermediate School	27/01/2014	Hornby High School became Year 7-13

Table 2 (below) shows the schools in Canterbury that have been merged since 26 November 2011, and the names of the continuing schools following the merger.

Table 2: Schools merged in Canterbury, November 26 2011 to December 31 2015

Merging Schools	Year of Merger	Comment
Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti Discovery One	2014	The continuing school is now called Ao Tawhiti Unlimited Discovery
Windsor School Burwood School	2014	Continuing school is now called Waitākiri School
Lyttelton Main School Lyttelton West School	2014	Continuing school is now called Lyttelton Primary School
North New Brighton School Central New Brighton School Freeville School	2015	Continuing school is now called Rāwhiti School
Woolston School Phillipstown School	2015	Continuing school is now called Te Waka Unua

- **A complete list of the educational institutions (including pre-schools, primary, intermediate and high schools) that the Ministry of Education currently intends to close in Canterbury**

Table 3 (below) shows the schools that the Minister of Education, Hon Hekia Parata, has agreed will close in Canterbury.

Table 3: schools that will close in Canterbury

School	Date of closure	Further information
Aranui School	27 January 2017	It has been agreed that, at the start of term 1 2017, the Aranui Community Campus will open to educate students living in the Aranui area.
Aranui High School	27 January 2017	
Avondale School	27 January 2017	
Wainoni School	27 January 2017	

The Minister of Education and the Proprietor have agreed to cancel the integration agreements of two state integrated schools – St Paul’s School (Dallington), and Our Lady of Fatima School (Mairehau). The schools will close on 27 January 2016. A new school, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School, will open for term 1 2016, and will be located on the former site of Our Lady of Fatima School.

- **The Government valuation of each of these institutions (with both land and built improvements)**
- **The current state of ownership of the schools that have been closed**

Once school property is no longer needed for educational purposes, the Ministry has an obligation under the Public Works Act 1981 to dispose of the property as soon as possible. On 11 November 2013, Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) took over management of the external disposal process for surplus Ministry

property. School valuations are incorporated into the Ministry's Balance Sheet in the 2015 Annual Report, which you can access at <http://www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Ministry/Publications/Annual-Reports/MOE-Annual-Report-2015.pdf>.

Table 4 (below) shows the valuations and status of schools closed by the Ministry in Canterbury since 26 November 2011. Please note that:

- This table excludes ECE centres, which are private institutions. The Government is neither aware of their valuation nor involved in their disposal
- In disposal' means that the site has been formally declared surplus to Ministry of Education requirements and is going through the Crown's statutory disposal process. It is still owned by the Ministry and no sales contract has been signed.

Table 4: Valuations and status of schools closed in Canterbury

School	Valuation (Land)	Valuation (Buildings)	Valuation Total	Comment
Glenelg Health Camp School	0	0	0	Site and buildings owned by the Proprietor
McKenzie Residential School	1,153,000	0	1,153,000	Closed, not yet in disposal
Le Bons Bay School	352,000	0	352,000	In disposal
Hammersley Park School	952,165	0	952,165	Closed, not yet in disposal
Kendal School	1,659,493	0	1,659,493	In use for education purposes
Richmond School	645,088	52,144	697,232	Partial education use and community use pending disposal
Greenpark School	210,000	0	210,000	In disposal
Glenmoor School	965,004	0	965,004	In disposal
Linwood Intermediate School	0	185,907	185,907	In use for education purposes
Manning Intermediate School	1,237,125	421,076	1,658,201	In use for education purposes
Branston Intermediate School	2,194,500	0	2,194,500	In use for education purposes
Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti	0	0	0	Site and buildings owned by the Proprietor
Windsor School	795,636	199,104	994,740	Continuing school (Waitākiri School) is using this site

Lyttelton Main School	435,231	279,002	714,233	Continuing school (Lyttelton Primary School) is using this site
North New Brighton School	800,000	0	800,000	Continuing school (Rāwhiti School) is using this site
Woolston School	494,561	5,153,562	5,648,123	Continuing school (Te Waka Unua) is using this site

Table 5 (below) shows the valuations of schools that are going to close in Canterbury (excluding ECE centres, for the reason given earlier).

Table 5: Valuation of Schools that will close in Canterbury

School	Valuation (Land)	Valuation (Buildings)	Valuation Total	Comment
Aranui School	655,000	307,917	962,917	
Aranui High School	1,041,743	2,008,389	3,050,132	Site is being used for the new campus
Avondale School	0	266,434	266,434	
Wainoni School	914,548	325,953	1,240,501	
St Paul's School (Dallington)	0	0	0	Site and buildings owned by the Proprietor
Our Lady of Fatima School (Mairehau)	0	0	0	Site and buildings owned by the Proprietor

The Christchurch Schools Rebuild programme will provide property to meet the current and long term needs of schools and their local communities whilst ensuring sustainability for all schools. When schools close, we work with affected staff to ensure they have the support they need. This may include the provision of professional counseling services, coaching in interview skills, and CV preparation.

Thank you again for your request. If you are not satisfied with my response you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review it. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely

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