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Dear Darcy

Thank you for your email of 13 January 2016 to the Ministry of Education, in which you requested:

All material that is available in relation to application to Ministry of Education for the proposed childcare centre - Butterbee Childcare, 159 Victoria Road, Devonport, Auckland. Particularly any details of intended hours of operation, staffing levels, breakdown of age groups and sessional times.

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

A search by the Ministry of Education's Auckland and national offices has found no material relating to an application for a proposed childcare centre from Butterbee Childcare. I am therefore declining your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information you have asked for does not exist.

You may be interested in our online guide which explains the process of establishing an early childhood education (ECE) service: Starting a Centre-based ECE Service. You can access the guide at

http://www.education.govt.nz/early-childhood/running-an-ece-service/starting-an-ece-service/starting-a-centre-based-ece-service/.

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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