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Dear Scout

Thank you for your email of 8 April 2016 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- 1. when the MOE intends to recognise non-binary gender, with a gender marker of 'X' instead of MF; and*
- 2. if these systems are already in place, how users of your services can have their records updated to reflect their gender.*

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

The Ministry of Education recognises the need to acknowledge and support safe learning experiences for students across the gender identity spectrum. Our student data management systems do not currently recognise non-binary gender.

Following recent work in this area carried out by Statistics New Zealand, we are undertaking work to modify the way we record student data. We are committed to putting systems in place which recognise all gender identities and we are working with other education agencies to support them in implementing similar systems.

If you have any further questions about this topic, please contact David Lambie at David.Lambie@education.govt.nz or 027 500 4921.

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.

Yours sincerely



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