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Dear Chris

Thank you for your email of 20 June 2016 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following:

- 1. Please provide copies of all documents concerning the future of Salisbury School received by or created within the Ministry since January 2012.*
- 2. Please provide the number of applications received for admission to Salisbury School for each year since January 2012 and the number of applications which were successful.*
- 3. How many children have been referred to Intensive Wraparound Service for each year since January 2012 and how many have received support from IWS?*
- 4. The Minister of Education has stated that IWS has been implemented successfully. Please provide copies of all advice provided to the Minister on the implementation of IWS.*

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

- 1. Please provide copies of all documents concerning the future of Salisbury School received by or created within the Ministry since January 2012.***

A link to all papers for 2012-2015 and 2016 can be found at:

<http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/information-releases/residential-special-schools-information-release-2016/>

- 2. Please provide the number of applications received for admission to Salisbury School for each year since January 2012 and the number of applications which were successful.***

The Ministry does not hold applications for Residential Special Schools. For this reason, I am declining this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information is not held by the Ministry. The Intensive Wraparound Service (IWS) started as a service from January 2013. Prior to this, access to Salisbury and Halswell were through a joint admissions committee where the two schools, together with a Ministry representative, decided who should be enrolled at each school. From January 2013, applications are made to the IWS and, once prioritised for an IWS place, the option of enrolment in a residential special school can be offered. This option is always discussed with all parent/caregivers. It is the choice of the parent and based on the child's needs on whether they wish to place

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their child in a residential special school. If a parent/caregiver expresses this preference they are given options for which of the three residential special schools, if any, they would like for their child.

You can find additional information on access to the IWS process at:

<http://www.education.govt.nz/school/student-support/special-education/intensive-wraparound-service-iws/how-to-get-access-to-the-intensive-wraparound-service/>

You can find information on each school's enrolment numbers at:

<http://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/find-school/school/population/trends?school=525&district=51®ion=16>

<http://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/find-school/school/population/trends?school=522&district=60®ion=13>

Figures for 2016 enrolment have yet to be published on this site but Salisbury currently have nine girls enrolled and Halswell Residential College have four girls on their roll. Halswell Residential School has permission to enrol up to five female students at any one time. This provision has been made under 146A (3) of the Education Act 1989 (the Act). This number of girls enrolled is not to be more than 40% of the total school roll. This is to ensure the safeguarding of the single sex nature of the school as set out in 146A(4) of the Act.

3. How many children have been referred to Intensive Wraparound Service for each year since January 2012 and how many have received support from IWS?

Since January 2013 (the start of IWS) there have been a total of 520 students referred for IWS. The table below shows the number of students that have been referred and those that were prioritised. An annual breakdown cannot accurately represent the number of students as many students will be referred more than once and in different years.

Total number of students with referrals completed	520
Number of students whose referrals that did not meet the criteria/had insufficient information to be considered*	101
Referrals considered	419
Students prioritised for IWS support	368
Students not prioritised*	51

*All of these student referrals have the opportunity to refer a further application.

4. The Minister of Education has stated that IWS has been implemented successfully. Please provide copies of all advice provided to the Minister on the implementation

Since it commenced at the beginning of 2013, the IWS has had an external evaluation by NZCER that has shown the service results in improved outcomes for students and is viewed positively by their parents/caregivers, local schools and their teachers. Please find attached the full Education Report – *Evaluation Report – Intensive Wraparound Service*.

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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