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Minister of Education

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4 August 2016

Alex Harris

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Dear Alex Harris

Thank you for your email of 5 July 2016 requesting the following information:

A list of all reports, briefings, memos or aide memoires, received by the Undersecretary since January 2016, by title and date.

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

I have interpreted your request as being for formal advice, including Education Reports, Briefing Notes, Aides Memoire and other reports and memoranda, received by my Office from 1 January to 5 July 2016 inclusive. I have identified 22 Education Reports and Briefing Notes received by my Office during that time, which are itemised in the attached list. No other documents have been identified within scope of your request.

I am withholding the titles of documents 6 and 20 under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by officials. The titles of these documents refer to matters which are under active consideration.

Both the Minister of Education and I are committed to maintaining transparency and accountability to the public for matters related to Partnership Schools. Four documents in scope of your request are publicly available via the links given in the attached list. A number of documents in the attached list are expected to be included in future scheduled information releases, or when the matters concerned have been finalised. These are identified on the list. Please note that administrative documents are not usually included in public releases. Publicly released information about Partnership Schools can be accessed at <http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/information-releases/partnership-schools-kura-hourua-information-release/>.

You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review my response. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Seymour', with a small dot at the end.

David Seymour
Parliamentary Under-Secretary
to the Minister of Education

Encl List of Reports

Doc no	Date of report (all 2016)	Description	Notes
1.	13 January	Education Report: Further Advice on Proposed Closure of Te Pūmanawa o te Wairua Partnership School	Expected future release
2.	27 January	Education Report: Partnership Schools Information Release January 2016	
3.	9 February	Education Report: Extending members' terms to the Partnership Schools Kura Hourua Authorisation Board	Publicly Available: www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Ministry/Information-releases/Partnership-schools-information-release/ABExtensions2016.pdf
4.	15 February	Education Report: Partnership Schools Kura Hourua Third Quarter Reports 2015	Publicly Available: www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Ministry/Information-releases/Partnership-schools-information-release/ThirdQuarterReport/PSKHQ3Reports2015.pdf
5.	26 February	Briefing Note: Partnership Schools Kura Hourua Support Entity	Publicly Available: www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Ministry/Information-releases/Partnership-schools-information-release/PSKHSupportEntity2.pdf
6.	30 March	Briefing Note	Title withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.
7.	1 April	Briefing Note: Discussion Document: Quantitative Analysis of Partnership Schools, Kura Hourua	Expected future release
8.	5 April	Education Report: Advice re Applications to open new Partnership Schools Kura Hourua in 2017	Expected future release
9.	19 April	Briefing Note: Partnership Schools Kura Hourua hypothetical round 4 timeline	
10.	20 April	Education Report: Partnership Schools Kura Hourua Contract Variations 2016	Expected future release
11.	29 April	Briefing Note: Partnership Schools Kura Hourua – Application timelines for future rounds	

12.	4 May	Education Report: Partnership Schools Kura Hourua: Villa Education Trust – Guaranteed Minimum Roll for Middle School West Auckland	Expected future release
13.	6 May	Education Report: Partnership Schools Kura Hourua Sponsor Support	Publicly Available: http://www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Ministry/Information-releases/Partnership-schools-information-release/PSKHSupportEntityApplication.pdf
14.	19 May	Education Report: Partnership Schools Support Entity Information Release 2016	
15.	23 May	Education Report: Arrangements for Mr Seymour's attendance at the budget lock up session of the Ministerial National Cross-Sector Forum, 26 May 2016	
16.	25 May	Education Report: Partnership Schools Information Release May 2016	
17.	26 May	Briefing Note: Partnership Schools Kura Hourua Application rounds 4 and 5 – Selection Process	Expected future release
18.	30 May	Education Report: Partnership Schools Kura Hourua: 2015 Quarter Four and Annual Reports	Expected future release
19.	31 May	Education Report: Appointing and reappointing members to the Partnership Schools Kura Hourua Authorisation Board	Expected future release
20.	9 June	Education Report	Title withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act. Expected future release
21.	24 June	Education Report: Partnership Schools Kura Hourua – application rounds four and five	Expected future release
22.	24 June	Briefing Note: Independent Research on Partnership Schools Kura Hourua	