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Dear Josh Martin

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your email of 12 September 2012 requesting

*“official advice correspondence from your department to the Minister and/or Cabinet on the current approach to addressing and hopefully preventing teenage suicide.*

*This may be seen in official documentation or possible policy change recommendations to the Minister, or other official bodies, regarding recommended practices and processes regarding how depression, mental illness and suicide are included (or not included) in the health curriculum in New Zealand public schools.*

*I request briefings, email communication or official communication which addresses the effectiveness of the many approaches to educating our youth on suicide and mental health.*

*I request any correspondence from schools which states their hesitation or refusal to address teenage suicide prevention in their health curriculum.”*

Your request will be answered within 20 working days of its receipt, in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982. The Ministry reserves the right to request an extension if this becomes necessary due to the potential workload involved in meeting your request.

Yours sincerely

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