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Dear Mr Payne

Thank you for your email of 31 March 2017 requesting the following information:

1) *The number of ECE services that reported using the following languages as part of their teaching each year, split by territorial authority, local board, service type and proportion of time the language is used, since 2006.*

- *Te Reo*
- *Pasifika*
- *Samoan*
- *Tongan*
- *Cook Island Māori*
- *Niuean*
- *Tokelauan*
- *Pukapukan*
- *Fijian*
- *Other Pasifika Languages*
- *Chinese (also broken down by its constituent languages)*
- *Hindi*
- *Gujarati*
- *Malay*
- *Vietnamese*
- *Japanese*
- *Korean*
- *Panjabi*
- *Sign language*

2) *A copy of the "ECE Services by Language Use" document that was removed from the Education Counts website last year and replaced with a message stating that the data is currently being updated.*

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

Data on languages used at licensed Early Childhood Education (ECE) services is collected by the Ministry via the Annual Census of ECE Services. ECE Services are required to account for 100% of teaching time during the Census week, typically the last week in June. Kōhanga reo services do not provide this data but are assumed to be 100% Māori speaking. In relation to the languages used, the actual questions asked in the Census are:

- *For the week xx June to xx June 20xx, what spoken languages of communication or sign language did your teaching staff use during the formal programme?*

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- Please specify the language or languages of communication and the proportion of all teachers' total time spent using that language or languages during the week xx June to xx June 20xx.

Please find attached a worksheet containing service level information collected by the Ministry on language use in ECE services for the period 2006 to 2015. This data can be filtered by year, language, grouped language, service type, territorial authority and local board. The data is explained in the Notes tab on the worksheet.

With reference to the second part of your request, at the time of your request *Language Use by ECE* had been removed from *Education Counts* to allow the data to be updated. The updated version with the 2015 data is now published at: <http://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/statistics/early-childhood-education/language-use-in-ece>.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, please contact Simon Sanders on 027 404 7057 or via email at Simon.Sanders@education.govt.nz.

Alternatively, you are advised of your right to ask an Ombudsman to review our response. 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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