



Office of Hon Hekia Parata

Minister of Education
Minister of Pacific Island Affairs

15 October 2012

J R Lucas

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Dear J R Lucas

On behalf of Hon Hekia Parata, Minister of Education, I acknowledge receipt of your email of 15 October 2012 requesting:

All information you have in relation to the decision(s) to close down or merge schools in Christchurch and the greater Canterbury region?

Please include any information that might support any claims of damage to school facilities or infrastructure, please include any information in regards to school roll numbers that might have played a pivotal role in your decision to close/merge said schools, please include any information that might have been received by you, from professionals and experts in the engineering or building construction field(s) that would support (or for that matter, negate) the claim(s) that any of the buildings at any of the schools were unsafe, and please include ALL documentation you have sent out or given to the affected schools and to the media.

Your request was received in this office on 15 October 2012 and will be responded to under the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982. Please note that this request also encompasses your earlier request of 13 October 2012.

Yours sincerely

Don Couling
Private Secretary (Education)