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Dear Alex Harris

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 20 February 2013.  
You requested the following:

*"Today the Treasury publicly released a number of documents on charter schools (<http://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/informationreleases/education/partnershipschools>). Many of these documents had large areas removed as not relevant to the request. However, from reading the surrounding material and the document titles, it looks like the contents could be quite interesting. I would therefore like to request the following information under the OIA:*

*Complete and unredacted copies of all the documents in the Charter Schools release."*

### Information Being Released

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1.	15 Sep 2011	Email re: the schooling system.	Release, withholding some information under s.9(2)(g)(i).
2.	28 Sep 2011	Treasury Report: STR session on Labour Market and Skills strategy.	Release in full.
3.	26 Oct 2011	Email re: increasing use of the private sector in schooling.	Release, withholding some information under s.9(2)(g)(i).
4.	04 Nov 2011	Treasury Report: Treasury Views on Competition/Contestability in the Provision of ACC, Education and Health Services.	Release, withholding some information under s.9(2)(a) and s.9(2)(f)(iv).

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5.	19 Dec 2011	Treasury Report: Briefing for bilateral with Minister of Education 21 December 2011.	Release, withholding some information under s.9(2)(a), s.9(2)(f)(iv), s.9(2)(g)(i), s.9(2)(i) and s.9(2)(j).
6.	3 Feb 2012	Aide Memoire: Agenda for meeting with the Treasury.	Release withholding some information under s.9(2)(a), s.9(2)(g)(i), s.9(2)(j) and s.9(2)(f)(iv).

I have decided to release the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

- section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people
- section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by ministers and officials
- section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expressions of opinion
- section 9(2)(i) - to enable ... [the Crown] to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage or prejudice, and
- section 9(2)(j) – to enable the Crown to negotiate without disadvantage or prejudice.

Please note that:

- Documents 1 and 3 were created for an internal Treasury audience, and did not go to the Minister of Finance as advice, and
- The attachment to document 1 “An Alternative Way to Target School Resourcing by Socio-economic Status” is from four years ago. More recent publicly released advice (Treasury Report: The impact of socio-economic status on student achievement) is available online at:  
<http://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/informationreleases/education/schoolingandyouthachievement>

## Information Publicly Available

The following information is also covered by your request and is publicly available on the Treasury's website:

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
1.	16 Sep 2011	Aide Memoire: Priorities in the schooling system.	<a href="http://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/informationreleases/education/schoolingandyouthachievement">http://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/informationreleases/education/schoolingandyouthachievement</a>
2.	04 Nov 2011	Treasury Report: Increasing the use of the Private Sector in Schooling.	<a href="http://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/informationreleases/education/schoolingandyouthachievement">http://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/informationreleases/education/schoolingandyouthachievement</a>
3.	18 Dec 2011	Treasury Report: Implementing change in schooling: Key levers over the next three years.	<a href="http://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/informationreleases/education/schoolingandyouthachievement">http://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/informationreleases/education/schoolingandyouthachievement</a>

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act – the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.


Some relevant information has been removed from documents listed in the above table and should continue to be withheld under the Official Information Act, on the grounds described in the documents.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

This fully covers the information you requested.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely



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