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Matthew Hooton

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Dear Mr Hooton

Thank you for your emails of 4 July 2018 requesting the following information:

- *Please provide a list of all the schools you have visited since being sworn in as Minister of Education, including the date, time and duration of each visit. Please note, to assist you in a speedy response, I am not requesting information on who you met at the school or what was discussed.*
- *For each of the following education groups, on which date or dates have you met representatives in your office in Wellington or at the group's offices or official events (such as an annual or regional conference) since you were sworn in as Minister of Education:*
  - School Trustees Association (STA)
  - Secondary Principals Association of New Zealand (SPANZ)
  - PPTA Secondary Principals Council
  - New Zealand Principals Federation (NZPF)
  - PPTA
  - NZEI
  - New Zealand Union of Students Associations
  - Universities NZ
  - Tertiary Education Union

*This includes meetings both with and without officials present. Please provide details of the time and place of each meeting. However, to assist you in the speed of your response, please note I am not requesting information on which individuals were present or what was discussed.*

Your requests have been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

A list of all the schools I have visited since being sworn in as the Minister of Education, including the date, time and duration of each visit is attached as **Appendix one**.

I am committed to engaging with people from all communities and sectors, to hear their views on how to co-design a common vision for the future of education and learning in New Zealand.

This government has set out an ambitious 3 year work plan for the education portfolio that will set our country up for the next 30 years. The work plan is based on considerable co-

design, consultation, and collaboration – both in how it has been put together and how it's going to be implemented.

The government's vision for education is very clear. We want a high quality public education system that provides all New Zealanders with lifelong learning opportunities so that they can discover and develop their full potential, engage fully in society, and lead rewarding and fulfilling lives. We believe in an education system that brings out the very best in everyone and that means our educational offerings need to be as diverse as the learners we cater for.

In this context, I have met with a number of people and organisations during my time as the Minister of Education, and some of these conversations have been with members of the groups listed in the second part of your request. The meetings have been at both an individual or group level, and in some cases, as part of larger fora such as the recent Education Summit. On this basis, I am refusing the second part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act, as this information cannot be made available without substantial collation and research.

I hope that this information is helpful for you. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



**Chris Hipkins**  
**Minister of Education**

**Appendix one**

Date visited	School/ECE centre name	Time	Duration
6-Nov-17	Heretaunga College	7pm	2hrs
7-Nov-17	Naenae College	6.15pm	2.15hrs
10-Nov-17	Stokes Valley Kindergarten	10am	1hr
1-Dec-17	Pinehaven	10.30am	1hr
2-Dec-17	Pomare	10am	1hr
9-Feb-18	Fraser Crescent	10am	1hr
16-Feb-18	Timaru Girls High	12pm	1.25hrs
27-Apr-18	Marlborough Boys	1.25pm - 1.35hrs	
27-Apr-18	Marlborough Girls High		
4-May-18	Tawhai	9.30am	1.5hr
4-May-18	Naenae College	3.15pm	1hr
4-May-18	Pomare	1pm	1hr
18-May-18	Taita College	2.30pm	1.5hr
25-May-18	Onepoto Primary	11.30am	1.20hr
1-Jun-18	Wā Ora Montessori	10am	1.5hr
7-Jun-18	Napier Boys High	10.30am	45mins
15-Jun-18	Fergusson Intermediate	1.30pm	1hr
15-Jun-18	Rata Street	4pm	15mins
21-Jun-18	Northland	11am	1hr
22-Jun-18	Maoribank	9.30am	1hr
22-Jun-18	Crofton Downs	2pm	45mins
4-Jul-18	Waterview Primary	10am	45mins