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Dear S McDougall

Thank you for your request of 20 August 2018 to the Ministry of Education for the following information:

- *from each region, as at the 15th of August 2017, the Total Learning Support Practitioners, Total Learning Support Practitioners that are trained restraint instructors, Type of Restraint programme trained in and the number trained in each programme and the number of school staff trained by these Instructors in the 12 months leading up to 15 August 2017.*
- *I also wish to know currently by region, the Total Learning Support Practitioners, Total Learning Support Practitioners that are trained restraint instructors, Type of Restraint programme trained in and the number trained in each programme and the number of school staff trained by these Instructors in the since 15 August 2017.*

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

Please find two tables attached to this letter as Appendix A. Table 1 breaks down the number of Learning Support Practitioners (LSPs) by region as at 15 August 2017 and as at 15 August 2018. Table 2 breaks down the number of LSPs trained in Management of Actual or Potential Aggression (MAPA), which is the programme for training LSPs in restraint practices, for the year from 15 August 2016 to 15 August 2017 and for the year from 15 August 2017 to 15 August 2018.

I am refusing your request for the number of school staff trained by MAPA-trained LSPs under section 18(g) of the Act, as the Ministry does not hold this information. This is held at individual schools.

You also have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. 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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Appendix A: Data Tables

Table 1: Total headcount of Ministry of Education Learning Support Practitioners by region

Region	As at 15 Aug 17	As at 15 Aug 18
Auckland	247	274
Bay of Plenty/Waiariki	87	92
Canterbury	117	120
Hawkes Bay/Tairāwhiti	56	57
Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast	32	31
Otago/Southland	59	59
Tai Tokerau	42	42
Taranaki/Wanganui/Manawatu	75	72
Waikato	71	80
Wellington	106	109
Total	892	936

Notes:

Field staff on long absence leave, acting on higher duties in a non-field position, and seconded to a different position are excluded from the count.

Count only contains permanent and fixed-term staff.

Count includes part-time and full-time staff.

Table 2: Total Ministry of Education Learning Support Practitioners trained in MAPA by region

Region	15 Aug 2016 - 15 Aug 2017	Since 15 Aug 17
Auckland	4	9
Bay of Plenty/Waiariki	4	7
Canterbury	5	9
Hawkes Bay/Tairāwhiti	4	6
Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast	3	3
Otago/Southland	2	5
Tai Tokerau	1	4
Taranaki/Wanganui/Manawatu	3	4
Waikato	4	6
Wellington	4	5
Total	34	58