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Dear Sarah

Thank you for your email of 27 September 2018 requesting the following information:

- *All background material, including but not limited to briefing papers, slide decks, and speaking notes supplied by the Ministry of Education to the Tomorrow's Schools Taskforce.*

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

We have interpreted your request to relate both to background information the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) supplied to the Tomorrow's Schools Independent Taskforce (the Taskforce) upon its establishment and to background information supplied throughout the review period.

A number of documents on the Tomorrow's Schools Review are available on the Tomorrow's Schools webpage. Therefore, these documents are refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as they are already publicly available. These documents can be found at the following links:

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/about-the-tomorrows-schools-review/tomorrows-schools-review-background-paper/>

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/about-the-tomorrows-schools-review/tomorrows-schools-review-background-paper-2/>

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/about-the-tomorrows-schools-review/tomorrows-schools-review-evidence-briefs/>

A slideshow presented to the Taskforce and Cross Sector Advisory Panel by the Ministry has also been identified in scope of your request. Slides 11 and 12 have been withheld in full under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act, to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

The Ministry is also withholding slide 18 in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protects the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

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The Ministry has identified two sets of speaking notes that were prepared for the Chair to aid his filming of videos updating the public on the review. These speaking notes are included in this release and you can view the videos in the Tomorrow's Schools webpage at <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review>.

In relation to other background material that the Ministry has supplied the Taskforce, we are refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act, as providing this information would require substantial collation and research. The Ministry has identified at least 2000 pages of information provided to the Taskforce, and collating, organising and checking this for release in accordance with the Act would put undue strain on Ministry resources.

You 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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