

27 June 2013

Kathryn Buckley
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Dear Kathryn Buckley

Thank you for your letter of 3 June 2013 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

A copy of any relevant (external and internal) policies, principles, rules or guidelines (if they exist) relating to:

1. *Closure of small rural schools in isolated areas*
2. *Accountability processes for oversight and monitoring of School Commissioners*
3. *Complaints process for Commissioner's conduct and performance*

I also request:

1. *A list of all schools in New Zealand which have had, or still have, statutory intervention by means of a Commissioner in the last two years from date of receipt of this request*
2. *That this list includes a note to indicate whether the school has closed, or is intended for closure*

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

Extension of Time Limit – Section 15A(1)(b), Official Information Act 1982

The consultation necessary to process your request is such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit of 20 working days from the date your request was received.

I am extending the time limit for replying to you to 16 July 2013 in accordance with section 15A(1)(b) of the Official Information Act 1982. The Ministry considers that this is a reasonable period of time in the circumstances detailed above.

Under sections 19 and 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982 you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision.

Yours sincerely



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