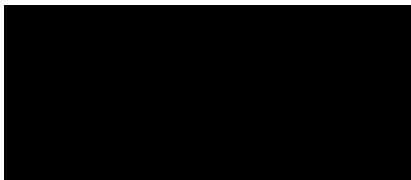




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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request of 2 November 2017, to the Ministry of Education, for the following information:

- *the size of the school house stock in NZ*
- *an indication of their numbers by region*

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

The Ministry owns 1,623 school houses. There are two categories of school houses, Core Houses and Non-Core Houses.

There are 1,116 Core Houses in New Zealand. They are used by schools to recruit or retain staff, and they are managed by a school's Board of Trustees.

Non-Core Houses are not required to recruit or retain staff. They are managed by the Ministry and are progressively being sold through the Crown disposal process. When school property which is surplus to education requirements is sold, the revenue is reinvested in the schooling network. Under current Ministry policy, 100 percent of the net sale proceeds generated from the sale of school houses is given back to the school to reinvest in other property.

Our policy on school houses is available at <https://education.govt.nz/teacher-caretaker-housing/>.

The number of school houses, broken down by Ministry of Education region, is set out in the table below:

Auckland	106
Bay of Plenty/Rotorua/Taupo	180
Canterbury	164
Hawkes Bay/Gisborne	151
Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast	125
Otago/Southland	210
Tai Tokerau	224
Taranaki/Whanganui/Manawatu	139
Waikato	265
Wellington	59
Total	1,623

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to refer this response to an Ombudsman. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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