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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 8 March 2018 requesting the following information:

- *Are there figures available for how many teachers get declined for TR1 and how many get accepted?*

On 12 March 2018, you clarified that you were seeking this information for the last two years.

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

Teachers may apply for transfer and removal expenses, using the TR1 form, in a number of situations. This includes where they have been promoted, or are moving to work at a school that qualifies for staffing incentive allowances, high priority allowances or isolation allowances ("hard to staff" schools). The basic criteria is that the applicant must be transferring from one state school to another one which comes under a different district or city council than that of their current employing school.

The transfer and removal payments are in two parts:

- a lump sum payment to cover things like travel, phone connection, in-transit accommodation and meals, and school uniform changes for children.
- reimbursement of accommodation and property expenses not covered by the lump sum, such as rent, mortgage penalties, and real estate and legal fees for the sale or purchase of a property.

The table below shows the number of transfer and removal applications (TR1) that have been approved or declined in 2016, 2017 and 2018 (to 12 March 2018).

Year	Status	Total
2016	Approved	282
	Declined	62
2016 Total		344
2017	Approved	288
	Declined	71
2017 Total		359
2018 (to 12/3)	Approved	41
	Declined	8
	Unassessed	9
2018 Total		58

In your email of 12 March you also enquired whether the Ministry's systems "*generalise reasons for declining applications*." The database does not contain the reason the application is declined.

Thank you again for your email. If you have any further questions about this response please direct these to the Ministry in the first instance (enquiries.national@education.govt.nz). 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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