



Dear 

Thank you for your email of 5 February 2019 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

1. *For every education and care centre (ECE) that has closed (or had its licence cancelled) in each of 2016, 2017, 2018 calendar years, please provide its name, location, reason for closing and licence size (number of children) by year.*
2. *For every kindergarten that has closed (or had its licence cancelled) in each of 2016, 2017, 2018 calendar years, please provide its name, location, reason for closing and licence size (number of children) by year.*
3. *How many hours have been funded in education and care centres in each of 2016, 2017 and 2018 calendar years?*
4. *How many children attended an education and care centre in each of 2016, 2017, and 2018 calendar years?*
5. *How many children participated in early childhood education in each of the 2016, 2017 and 2018 calendar years?*
6. *How many children are expected/projected to attend an education and care centre over each of the next 5 years?*
7. *In which locations are hospital-based early childhood services, by name and licence?*

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

Our staff in 10 regions across the country are able to visit early learning services at any time to check that they are complying with minimum licensing standards. If we become aware that a service may not be meeting the standards, we work with the service to address the concerns. In some cases, we place the service on a provisional licence. This licence must be available to parents and lists our concerns as conditions. When this occurs, we monitor the service closely against the conditions and deadlines for improvement. If we identify that children are at risk, we can act immediately to suspend or cancel a licence.

Further information about licensing requirements can be found on our website at:

[www.education.govt.nz/early-childhood/running-an-ece-service/the-regulatory-framework-for-ece/licensing-criteria/](http://www.education.govt.nz/early-childhood/running-an-ece-service/the-regulatory-framework-for-ece/licensing-criteria/)

The answers to your question are set out below.

#### Question One

Please find attached as **Appendix one** a table detailing every education and care service that has closed (or had its licence cancelled) in each of 2016, 2017, 2018 calendar years, including the name, location, reason for closure and max licence size (number of children) by year.

#### Question two

Please find attached as **Appendix two** a table detailing every kindergarten that has closed (or had its licence cancelled) in each of the 2016, 2017, 2018 calendar years, including the name, location, reason for closure and max licence size (number of children) by year.

#### Question three

The funded child hour information is outlined in the table below:

Calendar year	Funded Child hours at Education and Care
2016	142,160,968
2017	148,142,891
2018*	115,423,900

**\*Note:** We currently have funded child hours available for the months until September 2018. October to December 2018 hours have not yet been submitted to the Ministry or paid to services. For 2018, only January to September child hours have been included.

Funding payments are made three times a year on the first working day of March, July and November. Each payment is made up of an advance for the next four months and a 'wash-up payment' for the previous four months.

Data for October to December 2018 has been refused under section 18(g) of the Act as the information is still to be provided to the Ministry from early learning services. This is expected to be provided by March 2019.

#### Question four

Data on the number of children who attended an education and care service in each of 2016, 2017, 2018 calendar years is available at the following link:

[https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/data/assets/excel\\_doc/0004/184351/ECE-Enrolments-Time-Series-2000-2018.xlsx](https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/data/assets/excel_doc/0004/184351/ECE-Enrolments-Time-Series-2000-2018.xlsx)

#### Question five

Data on the number of children who participated in early childhood education in each of the 2016, 2017 and 2018 calendar years is available at the following link

[https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/data/assets/excel\\_doc/0004/184351/ECE-Enrolments-Time-Series-2000-2018.xlsx](https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/data/assets/excel_doc/0004/184351/ECE-Enrolments-Time-Series-2000-2018.xlsx)

#### Question six

Your request for the number of children expected/projected to attend education and care services over each of the next five years has been refused under section 18(e) of the Act as this information does not exist.

We do not forecast on numbers of children however, the ECE expenditure forecast is based on Funded Child hours (FCHs) and full time equivalents (FTEs) rather than number of

children attended. In this calculation, one full-time child is assumed to require 1000 funded child hours per year.

The FCH and FTE data from the ECE expenditure forecast for the 2019-2023 has been provided to you in the table below:

Calendar year	Funded Child hours at Education and Care	Full -time equivalent
2019	162,341,620	162,342
2020	171,530,307	171,530
2021	180,705,505	180,706
2022	189,904,930	189,905
2023	198,990,354	198,990

#### Question seven

Please find attached as **Appendix three** the location of hospital-based early learning services, by name and licence.

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes OIA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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Education and care services that have closed (or had its licence cancelled) in each of 2016, 2017, 2018 calendar years, including name, location, reason for closure and max licence size (number of children) by year.

Closure Year	Town / City	Service Name	Reason for Closure	Licensed Max Children	Total
2016	Auckland	Airport Oaks Montessori Preschool	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	29	1
		Edukids Tennessee	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	50	1
		Portland House Montessori Preschool (3)	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	50	1
		Te Puna Reo o Wairaka	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	50	1
		The Olympic Creche	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	23	1
		The Toybox Royal Oak Ltd	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	20	1
		Under 5 Care and Learning	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	35	1
		Wattle Downs Community Kindy	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	27	1
		Youngstars Preschool	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	25	1
	Balclutha	Big River Educare Ltd (2)	Merger	16	1
	Cambridge	Little Einsteins Educare Kiwi	Merger	25	1
		Little Einsteins Educare Tui	Merger	46	1
	Feilding	Pitter Patter Education Centre 1	Merger	20	1
	Greymouth	Barnardos KidStart Childcare - Greymouth Early Learning Centre	Declining roll	40	1
	Hamilton	Little Ladybugs Centre	Declining roll	30	1
		Peas in a Pod Learning Centre	Declining roll	30	1
		TLC Creche	Financial reasons	22	1
	Huapae	Kumeu Montessori Preschool	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	22	1
	Kaipoi	The Ark Early Learning Centre	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	46	1
	Kerikeri	Ol-wens Little School Infant and Toddler Campus	Merger	20	1
	North Shore	Shining Stars Childcare Centre	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	10	1
	Palmerston North	Alphabet Academy Central	Declining roll	35	1
		Puddleducks' Nursery School	Merger	35	1
	Porirua	ABC Whitby South Rua	Merger	33	1
	Rolleston	Bright Beginnings Montessori Nursery	Merger	24	1

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	Rotorua	Lakes Preschool Ltd	Declining roll	20	1
	Stanmore Bay	Pukeko Early Learning Centre	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	29	1
	Tauranga	Community Kindy Waihi Rd	Declining roll	30	1
	Te Puke	4woods Early Learning Centre (Malyon St)	Moved premises	10	1
		4woods Early Learning Centre (Stock Rd)	Moved premises	27	1
	Turangi	Purerehua Early Learning Centre	Financial reasons	35	1
	Wellington	Absolute Baby And Childcare Centre	Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	28	1
	Whitford	Lilly's Locker	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	30	1
<b>2016 Total</b>					<b>34</b>

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<b>2017</b>	Alexandra	Dunstan Educare Ltd	Merger	30	1
	Auckland	Avondale Community Pre-School	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	30	1
		Dynamic Kidz - Turama Under 2's	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	25	1
		Kids Patch	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	48	1
		Lagoon View Kindergarten	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	30	1
		Macleans Childcare	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	16	1
		Park Avenue Early Childhood Centre	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	85	1
		Portland House Montessori Preschool (1)	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	18	1
		Remuera Private Kindergarten	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	28	1
		Te Ohonga Reo O Akongatia	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	20	1

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		Te Reo Kuki Airani Preschool	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	40	1
		Te Rito O Waipareira	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	30	1
	Christchurch	Edukids Shirley Road	Moved premises	48	1
		Ready Steady Babies	Merger	30	1
	Dunedin	Pioneers Lockerbie	Declining roll	52	1
	Feilding	Puddleducks' Junior School	Merger	18	1
	Frankton-Queenstown	Kingsview Early Learning Centre	Declining roll	30	1
	Gore	ABC Gore	Financial reasons	39	1
		Aroha Early Learning Centre	Merger	50	1
	Hamilton	Rimu Cottage	Declining roll	25	1
	Havelock North	Piccolini Preschool and Nursery	Merger	25	1
	Kerikeri	Our Place - Early Learning Centre	Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	42	1
	Lower Hutt	Steiner Childcare (Petone)	Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	15	1
	Milton	Milton Early Learning House	Financial reasons	28	1
	Napier	Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten Taradale	Financial reasons	30	1
	New Plymouth	Bubbles Bell Block Infant & Toddler Centre	Merger	22	1
		Bubbles Bell Block Junior Centre	Merger	44	1
		Bubbles New Plymouth Infant & Toddlers Centre	Merger	25	1
		Bubbles New Plymouth Preschool	Merger	50	1
		Vivian Early Learning Centre	Loss of Tenancy	20	1

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	Porirua	Ketesemane A'oga Amata E.F.K.S Inc.	Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	30	1
		Samoana Early Education Development Service (Centre2)-AA2	Financial reasons	50	1
	Putaruru	Putaruru Childcare Limited	Moved premises	30	1
	Ranfurly	Ranfurly Educare	Financial reasons	25	1
	Richmond	Paula's Tiny Tots	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	15	1
	Rotorua	Earlybirds Educare	Merger	50	1
	Tauranga	Greerton EC Centre (Infants & Toddlers)	Moved premises	30	1
		Little Einsteins Montessori	Moved premises	40	1
	Wanganui	Stepping Stones Early Learning Centre	Financial reasons	25	1
	Whanganui	Funhouse Learning Centre 2	Merger	20	1
	Whangarei	Big Steps Early Childhood Education	Merger	20	1
<b>2017 Total</b>					<b>41</b>

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<b>2018</b>	Auckland	Akoteu Nasaleti	Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	40	1
		Community Kindy Russell Road	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	30	1
		Fakatouato Tongan Language School	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	30	1
		Les Mills Victoria Kids Club	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	50	1
		Magic Garden Over 2's Care & Education Centre	Merger	40	1
		Magic Garden Under 2's Care & Education Centre	Merger	25	1
		Nature Preschool	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	20	1

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		New Beginnings Early Learning Centre	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	18	1
		Nor Western Cook Islands Early Childhood	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	30	1
		Peekaboo Childcare Limited Nursery	Merger	25	1
		Peninsula Montessori Pre-School	Declining roll	22	1
		St Anthony Pacific Islands Catholic Childcare Centre	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	40	1
		St John's College Preschool	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	24	1
		Te Rito O Waipareira	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	30	1
		TopKids Mangere East 2	Merger	100	1
	Christchurch	Kindercare Learning Centres - Coopers (202)	Declining roll	50	1
		South Hornby Kindergarten	Loss of Tenancy	25	1
	Hamilton	Waterworld Educare	Loss of Tenancy	30	1
	Hastings	Future Kids Queen Street	Merger	28	1
	Havelock North	Havelock North Baby and Child	Loss of Tenancy	40	1
		Village Kids Havelock North Baby Centre	Declining roll	20	1
	Kaitiaia	Panginui Te Whare Akoranga Reo	Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	20	1
	Koputarua	Kereru Children's Learning Centre Limited	Financial reasons	25	1
	Lower Hutt	Early Years Connolly Street	Moved premises	22	1
		Naenae Aoga Amata	Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	26	1
	Morrinsville	Country Buddies Preschool Ltd	Declining roll	23	1
	Nelson	Rutherford Street Kindergarten	Moved premises	27	1
	Palmerston North	Malamalama Moni Laiti	Merger	20	1



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		Massey Child Care Centre Inc - Hoiho Section	Merger	25	1
		Massey Child Care Centre Inc - Kiwi Section	Merger	40	1
		Massey Child Care Centre Inc - Tui Section	Merger	25	1
	Paraparaumu	Community Kindy Bluegum	Financial reasons	29	1
	Porirua	Barnardos Early Learning Centre Cannons Creek	Declining roll	30	1
		Faavae Mautu Educare	Financial reasons	37	1
	Rotorua	Rotorua SFYP Childcare Centre	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	58	1
	Te Puke	Giggles Town 'n' Country Childcare	Loss of Tenancy	38	1
	Thames	Rose's Montessori	Loss of Tenancy	20	1
		Sealey Street Childcare	Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	30	1
	Tokoroa	St Lukes Mokoona and Tamariki Apii Ruranga	Loss of Tenancy	38	1
	Wanaka	Wanaexcel Exploration Centre	Merger	18	1
	Wellington	Peninsula Community Crèche	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	25	1
		Playspace Childcare Centre	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	18	1
		Salvation Army Early Childhood Centre	Owner Retired/ Disestablished	45	1
	Whakatane	Little Orchard Preschool - Douglas St	Merger	20	1
		Little Orchard Preschool Alexander Street	Merger	15	1
2018 Total					45
Grand Total					120

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Reason for Closure	Description
<b>Change of type</b>	A service's licence is cancelled if they change their service type to issue a licence or certificate under the new type. For example this would occur if an Education and Care service change to a playgroup.
<b>Licence suspended</b>	A service that has had its licence suspended but decides to voluntarily close.
<b>Declining roll</b>	The number of enrolments has decreased and the service decides to voluntarily close.
<b>Owner Retired / Disestablished</b>	Owner has retired or service has been disestablished voluntarily.
<b>Withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance</b>	The Ministry of Education has withdrawn the licence of a service due to non-compliances with the licensing regulations.
<b>Merger</b>	A service has merged with another service and the licence has been cancelled.
<b>Loss of Tenancy</b>	A service has lost the tenancy of the building they are operating in and have had to close or relocate.
<b>Financial reasons</b>	A service has had to close due to financial reasons.
<b>Moved premises</b>	A service has moved to operate out of another location and the licence has been cancelled due to the change in location.

## Appendix two

Every kindergarten that has closed (or had its licence cancelled) in each of 2016, 2017, 2018 calendar years, please provide it's name, location, reason for closing and licence size (number of children) by year

Closure Year	Town / City	Service Name	Reason for Closure	Max Children	Total
2017	Auckland	Pt Chevalier Kindergarten	Moved premises	40	1
	Richmond	Futures Positive Beginnings	Declining roll	30	1
2017 Total					2
2018	Auckland	Leabank Kindergarten	Owner Retired / Disestablished	40	1
	Christchurch	Kidsfirst Kindertartens Hillmorton	Owner Retired / Disestablished	30	1
		Kidsfirst Early Learning Centres Aranui	Owner Retired / Disestablished	34	1
	Kaipoi	Kidsfirst Kindertartens Kaipoi North	Owner Retired / Disestablished	40	1
	Ruatoria	Te Parekereke Mokopuna o Hiruharama	Declining roll	24	1
	Tauranga	Gate Pa Kindergarten	Declining roll	40	1
	Richmond	Futures Early Education Kindergarten	Merger	30	1
2018 Total					7
Grand Total					9

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### Appendix three

The location of hospital-based early childhood services, by name and licence.

Service Name	Town / City	Licence Status	Total
Children's Play and Recreation Centre	Dunedin	Full	1
Children's Ward Playroom - Southland Hospital	Invercargill	Full	1
Kidz First Medicalcare	Auckland	Full	1
Kidz First Surgicalcare	Auckland	Full	1
Piki Te Ora	Hastings	Full	1
Planet Sunshine Early Childhood Service	Gisborne	Full	1
Rotorua Hospital Early Childhood Centre	Rotorua	Full	1
Starship Play Service Day Stay and Intensive Care	Auckland	Full	1
Starship Play Service Ward 23B/Clinic	Auckland	Full	1
Starship Play Service Ward 24A & 24B	Auckland	Full	1
Starship Play Service Ward 25AB	Auckland	Full	1
Starship Play Service Ward 26A & 26B	Auckland	Full	1
Starship Play Service Ward 27A & 27B	Auckland	Full	1
Starship Play Service: Greenlane Surgical Unit	Auckland	Full	1
Starship Play Services: Outpatients	Auckland	Full	1
Tauranga Hospital Play Service	Tauranga	Full	1
Te whare Manaaki	Nelson	Full	1
The Activity Room	Christchurch	Full	1
Waikids Early Childhood Centre	Hamilton	Full	1
Ward 26B Playroom	Auckland	Full	1
Whangarei Hospital Play & Recreation	Whangarei	Full	1
Grand Total			21