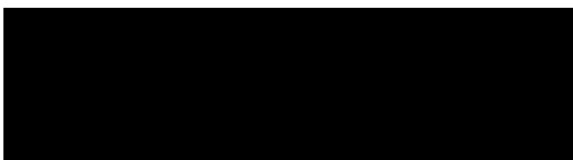




30 MAY 2017



Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 16 March 2017, in which you requested the following information:

- *A copy of the Ministry's Long Term Investment Plan (LTIP);*
- *A copy of any reports, briefings and advice prepared at a senior management or ministerial level associated with the Ministry's LTIP, since 1 March 2016.*

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

Every day, we deliver significant benefits from its investment of around \$800 million per annum in school property and infrastructure. A key part of our work is investing in school property so over 762,400 children can learn in warm, dry and safe classrooms. These things ensure New Zealand students have the best learning environments to achieve their education potential.

We fix leaky buildings, strengthen buildings to meet earthquake standards, and help schools keep on top of their building maintenance. We also expand the network with new schools and classrooms to meet demand – increasing strongly in Auckland and other regional centres. We are also providing more hands-on property services to an increasing number of school services so school leaders can focus more on raising achievement.

In December 2015, the Ministry prepared its first Long Term Investment Plan (LTIP), which outlines the investment required to support delivery of our strategy over the next ten years (2015/16 to 2024/25). Treasury requires the LTIP to be formally refreshed every three years. The Ministry is currently preparing its second LTIP, which is scheduled to be completed by the end of the 2017 calendar year.

The responses to your specific questions are set out below:

1. *A copy of the Ministry's Long Term Investment Plan (LTIP).*

Our LTIP consists of two documents:

- Ministry of Education *Long Term Investment Plan December 2015* dated 16 December 2015;
- Ministry of Education *Long Term Investment Plan December 2015 Section 2 Education Infrastructure* dated 16 December 2015.

I am partially releasing these documents to you. Some information is withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

Information that forms part of our consideration on our future investment strategy is withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty.

Data and information relating to the tender process for projects is withheld under:

- section 9(2)(i) of the Act to enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities;
- section 9(2)(j) of the OIA, to enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

I have considered whether the need to withhold information under the above sections of the Act is outweighed by other considerations which render release desirable in the public interest. On balance, I consider the greater public interest lies in allowing these matters and the advice presented for consideration to be developed and considered in confidence.

2. *A copy of any reports, briefings and advice prepared at a senior management or ministerial level associated with the Ministry's LTIP, since 1 March 2016.*

The Ministry has carried out a comprehensive search of its data bases and no documents were identified within scope of this part of your request. I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Thank you again for your email. If you are dissatisfied with my response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review it. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143, or write to our media team at media@education.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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