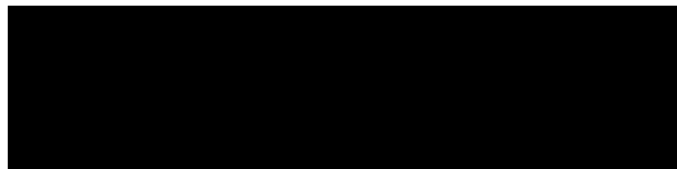




12 APR 2017



Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 16 March 2016, requesting the following information:

- *A copy of any reports, briefings or advice prepared by the Ministry at a senior management or ministerial level regarding the National Transportable programme, since 1 July 2016;*
- *A list of all schools that have received a classroom as part of the National Transportable programme, broken down by date received by school, date of consent obtained, type of classrooms, maximum capacity of classroom, since the programme began.*

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

Modular/transportable buildings are provided through our National Transportables Programme (NTP) and provide schools with additional space to meet roll growth needs.

Schools that qualify for roll-growth classrooms are now receiving new modular buildings that can be delivered in a far shorter timeframe than traditional builds. These buildings are delivered through a national contract with the Interlink Consortium, initiated in February 2016, which eliminates the need for schools to engage in costly procurement and design processes.

Modular buildings are flexible learning spaces which are fully re-locatable to support changing population patterns. They meet the same standards and codes as new, permanent buildings and are durable facilities that are easy to maintain. They can also be configured to suit specific site conditions and purposes.

In addition to receiving high-quality low maintenance buildings, schools benefit from the buildings being constructed offsite, which minimises disruption to day to day school activities. Overall, these buildings are similar in cost to conventional classrooms, but because we can assure quality and durability, boards of trustees will face lower maintenance costs over time. Another benefit is that there is no risk of establishing a permanent classroom that could later become surplus to a school's requirements, as the building can be removed and quickly provided to another school experiencing growth.

My response to each part of your request is set out below.

A copy of any reports, briefings or advice prepared by the Ministry at a senior management or ministerial level regarding the National Transportable programme, since 1 July 2016

We have identified two documents that are partially in scope of this request. These consist of extracts from wider update documents provided to the Minister of Education in July and November 2016. I am releasing both extracts to you in full (attached as **Appendix One**).

A list of all schools that have received a classroom as part of the National Transportable programme, broken down by date received by school, date of consent obtained, type of classrooms, maximum capacity of classroom, since the programme began.

As at 16 March 2017, 74 modular classrooms have been delivered to 29 school sites since implementation of the contract in February 2016.

Of the 74 modular classrooms delivered to school sites:

- 49 classrooms, across 20 schools, have code of compliance certificates and are fully operational, and
- 25 classrooms, across nine schools, are in varying stages of installation/preparation.

The modular classroom types include:

- 5 x singles
- 12 x doubles
- 9 x triples
- 2 x quads, and
- 2 x quins.

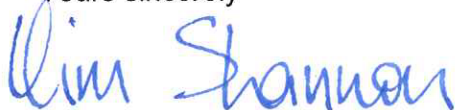
Attached as **Appendix Two** is a table, outlining: the names of the schools that have received modular classrooms; the date the classroom landed onsite; and the building consent approval date.

The Ministry does not specify maximum classroom sizes. It is up to individual schools to determine how a modular classroom(s) will be utilised. To this limited extent, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information you have requested does not exist.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to ask an Ombudsman to review this response.

You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



Kim Shannon
Head of Education Infrastructure Service

APPENDIX ONE

Excerpt from update document, 21 July 2016:

Modular Buildings

By the end of July, 16 of the new Modular Buildings procured through a national contract will be located at school sites around the country. The sector response to the new buildings continues to be positive and we expect around 100 buildings to be in operation by the end of June 2017.

Excerpt from update document, 24 November 2016:

Modular Buildings update

Since the national contract for modular buildings began in February this year, we have delivered 38 classrooms to schools and expect to have 100 classrooms in use by the end of June 2017.

We have received positive feedback from schools around the country about the quality of these facilities. Five modular buildings at Kaikoura Primary School proved their resilience in the recent earthquakes.

A current issue for our supplier is delays in obtaining building consents through the Auckland City Council. This issue impacts the wider construction industry, and is mainly due to the current building boom putting a strain on Council resources.

We are taking all possible steps to minimise the impact of Council delays on our project completion dates. This includes working to ensure fast responses to any requests for additional information and following up directly on outstanding consents and approvals. With MBIE, we are developing a new streamlined process for standardised designs which should substantially reduce the turnaround time on building consents for modular building and other projects.

APPENDIX TWO: SCHOOLS THAT HAVE RECEIVED MODULAR CLASSROOMS

School Name	Date Modular Classroom(s) Landed Onsite	Building Consent Approval Date
Vogeltown School	10-Apr-15	17-Dec-14
Kaikoura Primary School	28-Aug-15	26-Mar-15
Karori Normal School	5-Oct-15	22-Apr-15
Freyberg Community School	21-May-16	03-May-16
Matua School	02-Jun-16	06-May-16
Hawea Flat School	13-Jun-16	27-May-16
Methven School	27-Jun-16	25-May-16
Lincoln Primary School	30-Jun-16	03-May-16
Belmont School (Lower Hutt)	11-Jul-16	13-Jun-16
Green Bay Primary School	09-Aug-16	31-May-16
Methven School	22-Aug-16	07-Jul-16
Donovan Primary School	06-Sep-16	11-Aug-16
Greerton Village School	09-Sep-16	26-Aug-16
TKKM o Tupoho	16-Sep-16	27-Jul-16
Raroa Normal Intermediate	17-Oct-16	29-Sep-16
Bellevue School (Tauranga)	28-Nov-16	15-Nov-16
Spring Creek School	28-Nov-16	07-Oct-16
Tauriko School	12-Dec-16	04-Nov-16
Alfredton School	13-Dec-16	26-Oct-16
Henderson Valley School (teaching space)	15-Dec-16	18-Nov-16
Peninsula Primary School	15-Dec-16	10-Nov-16
Mt Cook School (Wellington)	19-Dec-16	26-Oct-16
Mission Heights Primary School	20-Dec-16	12-Nov-16
West Park School	18-Jan-17	04-Nov-16
Waikowhai School	25-Jan-17	06-Dec-16
Mangorei School	27-Jan-17	16-Dec-16
Marlborough Girls' College	09-Feb-17	20-Dec-16
Bay of Islands International Academy	14-Feb-17	23-Dec-16
Oropi School	03-Mar-17	17-Jan-17