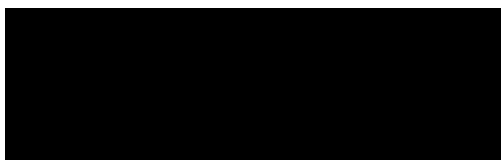




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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 21 April 2017, to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information about the possible changes to the decile system:

- *All memos, briefing notes, reports and presentations presented to the Minister, about the possible changes to the decile funding system, including the predictive risk index, for the last six months.*

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

Exploration of the replacement of the decile system is one component of the Education Funding System Review. The Education Funding System Review is part of the Government's Education Work Programme for building a sustainable, fit for purpose education system that enables all young New Zealanders to achieve educational success. The Ministry of Education is currently exploring a number of proposals on how our education system should be funded including targeting funding for learners most at risk of underachievement.

Sector and public engagement on any proposed changes are ongoing. There is further work to be done on policy development and testing of any components for change, before proposals go to Cabinet and are agreed. Implementation of any changes to the decile system will not begin until 2020.

As you may be aware, information about the Education Funding System Review is available on our website at: <https://education.govt.nz/framework/main.php/consultations-and-reviews/education-funding-system-review/?url=/ministry-of-education/consultations-and-reviews/education-funding-system-review/>. We update this page regularly as we continue to progress with the Review and decisions are finalised.

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We have identified **28** documents in scope of your request. A summary of these documents and our decision on their release is attached as **Appendix A**. Please note, the use of predictive modelling to identify those at risk of educational under-achievement in documents 2, 8, 11 and 13, is not Government policy and we are still exploring how we may use this information.

Thank you again for your email. If you have further questions please feel free to contact our media team in the first instance at media.team@education.govt.nz. If you are still unsatisfied 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.

Yours sincerely



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