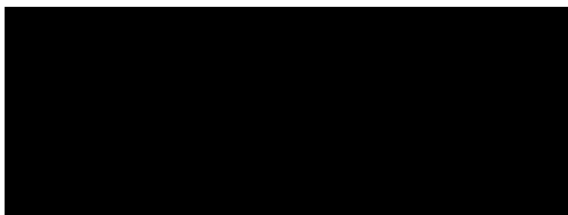




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Thank you for your email of 16 February 2017, to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

1. *A copy of any reports, briefings and advice prepared by the Ministry at a senior management or ministerial level regarding the School Transport Operational Efficiencies initiative, since 1 October 2015.*

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

The School Transport Operational Efficiencies (STOE) initiative is a four year budget initiative, delivering benefits from the 2015-16 financial year. This includes re-directing some services to where they're needed, making sure our contracts are the right fit for what we require and re-designing bus routes to work more efficiently. We will invest \$3 million over four years to develop and improve our systems for the provision of school transport in New Zealand. We anticipate baseline savings of around \$22 million over four years.

Nine documents have been identified that are within the scope of your request. We have interpreted "*senior management or ministerial level*" to mean documents that have been signed out by a Deputy Secretary. The documents, and my decisions about their release, are attached with this letter as **Appendix A**.

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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## Appendix A – Documents for release

#	Date	Document Title	Decision on this request
1	14 April 2016	Aide Memoire: <i>Hamilton bus services - service transition</i>	<p><b>Release in part.</b></p> <p>Some information has been withheld under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons; and</li> <li>• section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act, to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.</li> </ul>
2	17 June 2016	Aide Memoire: <i>School transport Change Programme</i>	<p><b>Release in part.</b></p> <p>Some information has been withheld under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• section 9(2)(a) of the Act; and</li> <li>• section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials; and</li> <li>• section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act.</li> </ul>
3	16 August 2016	Aide Memoire: <i>School Transport Route Optimisation</i>	<p><b>Release in part.</b></p> <p>Some information has been withheld under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons; and</li> <li>• section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.</li> </ul>
4	16 August 2016	Aide Memoire: <i>School Transport Operational Efficiencies</i>	<p><b>Release in part.</b></p> <p>Some information has been withheld under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• section 9(2)(a) of the Act</li> </ul>
5	13 September 2016	Education Report: <i>School Transport Operational Efficiency Optimisations 2017</i>	<p><b>Release in part.</b></p> <p>Some information has been withheld under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• section 9(2)(a) of the Act; and</li> <li>• section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.</li> </ul>
6	20 September 2016	Memo: <i>School transport route changes 2017</i>	<p><b>Release in part.</b></p> <p>Some information has been withheld under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• section 9(2)(a) of the Act; and</li> <li>• section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.</li> </ul>
7	7 October 2016	Briefing Note: <i>School Transport Operational Efficiency Optimisations 2016</i>	<p><b>Release in part.</b></p> <p>Some information has been withheld under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• section 9(2)(a) of the Act;</li> <li>• section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act; and</li> <li>• Section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act.</li> </ul>

<b>8</b>	11 October 2016	Aide Memoire: <i>School Transport Route Optimisation</i>	<b>Release in part.</b>  Some information has been withheld under: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• section 9(2)(a) of the Act; and</li> <li>• section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.</li> </ul>
<b>9</b>	25 October 2016	Briefing Note: <i>School Transport Operational Efficiencies - Waianiwa School</i>	<b>Release in part.</b>  Some information has been withheld under: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• section 9(2)(a) of the Act</li> </ul>

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