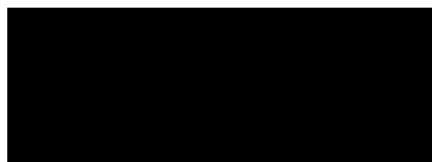




28 APR 2017



Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 5 April 2017, to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- *All communications between the Ministry of Education, Worksafe and Saint Kentigern College this year about the investigation into the accident at the Sweeney Todd production last year.*

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

The Ministry of Education supports education providers understand their health and safety obligations. We provide school management with guidance on how to implement health and safety policies and resources to assist them with this.

Our regional education advisors are available to all schools for general assistance. The national health and safety team is also available to provide tailored guidance on meeting health and safety requirements.

In 2014, prior to the introduction of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (HSWA), we established the Schools Health and Safety Sector Reference Group to ensure all school boards are fully aware the requirements of HSWA.

We have provided regular updates to schools through the School Leaders Bulletin and at 83 sector forums that were held across country. In March 2016, we published our 'Health and Safety Practical Guide for School Leaders and Boards of Trustees', which was reviewed by WorkSafe and distributed to schools nationwide. This guide along with a number of other health and safety resources can be found on our website at: [www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/specific-initiatives/health-and-safety/](http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/specific-initiatives/health-and-safety/).

We have identified four email chains between WorkSafe and our staff that mention Saint Kentigern College. As a majority of the emails contain information out of scope of your request, excerpts of these documents have been provided in the table below. This is in accordance with section 16(1)(e) of the Act, which states where the information requested by any person is comprised in a document, that information may be made available by giving an excerpt or summary of the contents.

Date of email	Summary
21 January 2017	Email from WorkSafe to the Ministry: "I have no new updates on St Kents."

7 March 2017	Email from the Ministry to WorkSafe asking "where things are at with St Kentigerns." WorkSafe responded by calling the Senior Advisor working on the incident on 14 March 2017. Details of this conversation are not recorded. The Advisor then confirms "I am now up to date on St Kentigerns."
9 March 2017	Email from the Ministry to WorkSafe asking them to urgently call back about Saint Kentigern. WorkSafe responds by saying "Mark will give you a call."
5 April 2017	Our Media team emailed WorkSafe's Media team asking when they were likely to make an announcement on their decision about the Saint Kentigern incident.  WorkSafe responded by saying "I told the NZ Herald yesterday the investigation is still on-going so they are in contact with us too. While investigations are underway, we're unable to give any further info so we are limited in what we can say to questions. We will keep MoE in the loop."

We have not identified any further information or correspondence over the Saint Kentigern College incident that was sent or received this year. As shown above, the majority of communication was via phone and these conversations were not recorded.

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](mailto:media.team@education.govt.nz). If you prefer to received a redacted copy of the emails you may wish to submit a new request through our media team. 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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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