



9 July 2021

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Thank you for your email of 8 June 2021 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

1. [Early Learning Regulatory Review Advisory Group] *had an Annual General Meeting in April or May 2021. Can I have the minutes of that meeting please?*

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

We have considered one document within scope of this request; the Group's meeting minutes for April 2021.

As allowable under section 16(e) of the Act, I am providing you with an excerpt of the minutes attached as **Appendix A**. I am withholding the remainder of the meeting minutes under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions, which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials. I have identified no public interest considerations sufficient to outweigh the need to withhold this information at this time.

As you will be aware, further information on the Group, including proactively released documents, can be found on the Ministry's website at: [Early Learning Regulatory Review – Education in New Zealand](#).

We recognise the public interest in the Group's work and it is our intention to make minutes of the Group's meetings publicly available at the appropriate junctures.

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes OIA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Schöllmann'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr Andrea Schöllmann  
**Deputy Secretary**  
**Education System Policy**