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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 10 June 2021 to the Ministry of Education for the following information about OneSchool Global:

NET RECURRENT INCOME

- 1. How much (if any) Govt funding does OneSchool Global NZ receive, in total and per student?*
- 2. How much does it receive from fees/ charges and parent contributions?*
- 3. How much does it receive from other private sources?*
- 4. What is its total gross income?*
- 5. What were its deductions against that income?*
- 6. What was its total net income?*

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

- 7. Did OneSchool Global receive any NZ Govt capital expenditure?*
- 8. What was its income allocated to current capital projects?*
- 9. What other income was allocated to other capital expenditure?*
- 10. What was its total capital expenditure?*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). As you did not specify a timeframe in your request, we are providing you with total funding for 2020 and funding for the first half of 2021.

The management of private schools and their relationship with the Ministry, which is governed through Schedule 7 of the Education and Training Act 2020, is quite different to that of a state school. For example, state schools are required to release their audited school accounts to the Office of the Auditor General annually, and then make them publicly available on a website controlled by the school board. These records must contain a host of information including board expenses, staff remuneration and number of employees. This is detailed in section 134 of the Education and Training Act 2020.

Private schools however, are only required to provide the Secretary for Education with an audited account of the income and expenditure relating to any government grants that have been made to the school. This is detailed in section 14 of schedule 7 of the Education and Training Act 2020.

We also note that private schools are not subject to the Act, and so this request cannot be transferred to OneSchool Global for answering.

Net recurring income

Attached to this response are the full 2020 and the first half of the 2021 Operational Grant Entitlement Notices for OneSchool Global. These figures are based off roll numbers which change over the course of a year. So at the beginning of 2020, OneSchool Global had a roll of 1557 students, and so were entitled to a nett of \$2,123,255.28. However, in June 2020 their roll changed to 1536 and so their nett entitlement was recalculated and subsequently decreased to \$2,099,870.33.

We are releasing these to you in full to answer your first question in your request. The Ministry does not hold the information required to answer the remainder of your questions in this section, and so we are refusing question 2-6 under section 18(g) of the Act, as the Ministry does not hold this information and we do not believe the information would be held by another agency.

Capital expenditure

In responses to questions 7-10, the Ministry's involvement in private schools from a property perspective is quite limited. While all schools are required to have buildings that are fit for an educational purpose, we have no ownership interest in the assets and so we do not directly provide any funding for the maintenance and modernisation of buildings. As mentioned earlier, the Ministry holds no information on the expenditure of OneSchool Global. Therefore we are refusing this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act, as the Ministry does not hold this information and we do not believe the information would be held by another agency.

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. 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 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.

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