



22 July 2021



Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your email of 24 June 2021 to the Ministry of Education, requesting the following information:

“Earlier this year (April approx.) the Office of the Auditor General wrote to the Ministry of Education regarding Christchurch Girls High and transparency regarding the Christchurch Schools Rebuild. I would like to request, under the Official Information Act, a copy of that letter”.

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

The letter you have requested is attached to this response and I am releasing it to you in full.

The purpose of the letter from the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) was to record their understanding of the rebuild at Christchurch Girls’ High School and the Christchurch Schools Rebuild (CSR), and to encourage greater transparency between the Ministry of Education, the school and the public. Two suggestions were made in the letter, one of which was to make publicly available the midpoint review of the CSR, which the Ministry has since done. The midpoint review is available at [education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/our-work/information-releases/Advice-Seen-by-our-Ministers/1147237-Christchurch-Schools-Rebuild-Midpoint-Review-004_Redacted.pdf](https://www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/our-work/information-releases/Advice-Seen-by-our-Ministers/1147237-Christchurch-Schools-Rebuild-Midpoint-Review-004_Redacted.pdf).

My team are also proactively, providing quarterly updates on the [Rebuilding Christchurch Schools 2013-2022](#) page on the Ministry website, as well as adding further details. This page will now list the schools that remain in the CSR programme, a high level break-down of the status of each school, and an update on how many schools sit in each of the status groups (i.e. construction or planning and design). The updated webpage is now live.

We are also proactively putting processes in place to ensure that this project is delivered in a timely and efficient manner. To this end, the Ministry is continuing to work closely with the school over the agreed solution and a lead design team is expected to be appointed by Christmas 2021 to commence the design process. We are working closely with the school on this, and the appointment of a lead designer will inform both the estimated project timeframes and necessary staging.

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 or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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