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Tēnā koe 

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

- 1. Any reports or analyses done into the equity index and its implementation since September 2019. This includes any reports modelling what various schools might get under the new index compared to the old*
- 2. All correspondence between the Ministry and the Minister about the equity index in this same time frame*

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

1. Any reports or analyses done into the equity index and its implementation since September 2019. This includes any reports modelling what various schools might get under the new index compared to the old

We have identified the two Education Reports in scope of this part of your request that we previously withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.

We are releasing one report to you in part as the attached **Document One**, with information withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act. Some information has also been removed as out of scope of your request.

Budget 2021 decisions on the Equity Index have confirmed \$18.078 million of operational funding and \$4.928 million capital funding from the 2021/22 financial year for system changes and other implementation costs. Further information about this can be found on the Ministry of Education website at the following link:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/our-work/publications/budget-2021/vote-education-summary-of-initiatives-2021/>

The information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act relates to information that is likely to be reconsidered as part of future Budgets.

We are continuing to withhold the second report in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act. This is also to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials. The Minister has yet to make final decisions on key implementation details.

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2. All correspondence between the Ministry and the Minister about the equity index in this same time frame

We interpret correspondence between the Ministry and the Minister as the advice we provide in the forms of briefing notes, education reports and other analysis. With this in mind, our response to part two of your request is consistent with that provided for part one above. There was no correspondence outside of these pieces of advice being sent to the Office.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

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

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