



30 August 2021

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Thank you for your email of 5 July 2021 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

1. *Records of all consultation conducted after the Cabinet Social Policy Committee directed that the induction and advice and guidance programmes be developed and before the decision was made to count primary trained teachers for funding purposes without undergoing the required programmes.*
2. *Records of all discussions, subsequent to the committee's 14th October 2009 decision, about the six week induction programme and the six week advice and guidance programme, including minutes of meetings, advice and briefing papers for the Minister and/or Cabinet.*
3. *Copies of all advice received regarding the desirability, or otherwise, of having the six week induction and the advice and guidance programme.*
4. *All records of the decision made to abandon the six week induction programme and the six week advice and guidance programme.*
5. *All records and correspondence about removing the recognition of primary teachers for funding purposes once there was no longer a shortage of ECE trained teachers.*

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

As your request is for historical information, we commissioned a search through archives with the following parameters:

- Date range: July 2009 to December 2011
- Key word search: Cabinet Social Policy Committee, ECE funding, ECE teacher supply, ECE qualified teachers

This search identified five documents in scope of the request, which we have outlined in our response below.

Question 1: Records of all consultation conducted after the Cabinet Social Policy Committee directed that the induction and advice and guidance programmes be developed and before the decision was made to count primary trained teachers for funding purposes without undergoing the required programmes.

We have identified one document within scope of this part of the request – *Letter from Teaching Council, November 2009 (Document 1)*, which we are providing to you in full.

Question 2: Records of all discussions, subsequent to the committee's 14th October 2009 decision, about the six-week induction programme and the six-week advice and

guidance programme, including minutes of meetings, advice and briefing papers for the Minister and/or Cabinet.

We are providing you with two documents in scope of this part of the request:

- *Education Report: Outcome of the scoping of the short intensive induction programme for primary and overseas ECE teachers (Document 2)*
- *Education Report: Update on training for overseas qualified ECE teachers, October 2010 (Document 3).*

Some information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons. I have identified no public interest considerations sufficient to outweigh the need to withhold this information.

Question 3: Copies of all advice received regarding the desirability, or otherwise, of having the six-week induction and the advice and guidance programme.

We are providing you with one document in full for this part of the request - *AUT Report for the Ministry of Education April 2010 (Document 4)*

Question 4: All records of the decision made to abandon the six-week induction programme and the six-week advice and guidance programme.

We are providing you with one document in scope of this part of the request - *Cabinet Paper: Review of Early Childhood Education Teacher Supply Initiatives, March 2010 (Document 5)*

In accordance with section 16(1)(e) of the Act we are providing an excerpt of the relevant sections of the cabinet paper that are in scope of this part of the request.

Question 5: All records and correspondence about removing the recognition of primary teachers for funding purposes once there was no longer a shortage of ECE trained teachers.

We did not identify any documents in scope of this part of your request. Therefore, we are refusing this under section 18(e) of the act that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

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.

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