



10 August 2021

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Thank you for your email of 13 July 2021 to the Ministry of Education, requesting the following information:

- 1. The estimated cost of the disabled bathroom currently approved but not yet installed for the Kaitieke School*
- 2. The number of students the school has had for the past decade*
- 3. Has it ever had a disabled student in the last decade? If so, when?*

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

The Ministry is committed to supporting schools to provide facilities that are fit for purpose for both current and future learners. Upgrades of existing school facilities provides an opportunity to ensure the entire school community is appropriately catered for.

Kaitieke School is currently working with the Ministry to upgrade the condition of its facilities. A planned upgrade project identifies several upgrades to the school including cladding replacement, door and glazing replacement, new flooring and upgrades to a covered way connecting the main building to the toilets, as part of upgrades to the toilets which are in poor condition. As part of this project, a preliminary design has proposed the inclusion of an accessible toilet in line with the Ministry's Building Standards. The project is in the preliminary design phase and no final plans have been approved. Once the redevelopment has been finalised, the Ministry will tender for the work required.

Therefore, I am withholding the information you have requested in question one under section 9(2)(j) of the Act, to enable the Ministry to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). I have considered the public interest in release of this information but have concluded that the greater public interest is in ensuring that government agencies can undertake the negotiations necessary to deliver school property project without prejudice

I am refusing question two of your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as this information is already publicly available. School roll data is listed under 'Time Series Data' on the Education Counts website at educationcounts.govt.nz/statistics/6028. Kaitieke School can be found under school ID number 2371.

As per our previous letter, we have transferred question three to Kaitieke School as it is more closely related to the functions of the school. You can expect to receive a response in due course.

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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