



23 August 2021

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 19 July 2021 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information in regard to the Finance and Expenditure committee's post estimates hearing questions on the Christchurch Schools rebuild programme:

- 1. An explanation as to what date the "expected timeframe" refers to in the estimates, given the original "expected timeframe" was to be completed by 2022*
- 2. The expected completed timeframes for the 65 schools that were not completed as at that June 25th 2020.*
- 3. The current expected completion dates of those 65 schools*

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

Regarding your first question, the Christchurch Schools Rebuild has always been designed as a 10-year programme. As the programme began in the 2013/2014 financial year, the expected completion date is by the end of the 2022/2023 financial year, which is 30 June 2023.

So far, the Ministry of Education has refurbished, rebuilt, or built new, 64 schools that benefits about 23,000 students. We expect to complete projects at a further 16 schools over the next 12 months (July 2021 to July 2022).

A small number of projects are now expected to be complete after June 2023, and there will be ongoing works into 2024 in a number of more complex projects at mainly larger secondary schools. Completion of these projects will be staged so the schools can remain operational and limit the disruption on students. These larger more complex schools that will not be completed by the end of December 2023 are Burnside High School, Christchurch Girls' High School, Papanui High School, and Riccarton High School.

There are a further two schools that are yet to enter the programme and are not expected to be completed prior to the end of June 2023. A network review of Intermediate provision will inform next steps for Chisnallwood Intermediate. For the former van Asch Deaf Education Centre, now part of Ko Taku Reo, entry is deferred until decisions are made around nationwide provision of deaf education.

At two other schools, Ferndale School and TKKM o Te Whanau Tahī the expected scope of works has significantly changed from that previously planned and the programme has been recast accordingly.

As I advised you in my letter of 22 July 2021, I have asked my team to update our webpage on the Christchurch Schools Rebuild programme quarterly, with a high-level breakdown of where each of the 115 schools in the programme are sitting. There are 26 schools in various design and planning stages and 23 in construction.

Table One: High level status comparison of schools in CSR between June 2020 and June 2021

As at 25 June 2020	As at 31 June 2021
50 schools are now complete;	64
55 schools are in the implementing and delivery phases;	48
8 schools are initiating their projects;	1 school: Ferndale - location recently agreed
2 schools waiting on wider decisions ahead of infrastructure work being able to commence (Van Asch Deaf Education Centre and Chisnalwood Intermediate).	2 schools: Chisnalwood and Van Asch Deaf Education Centre which is now known as Ko Taku Reo

Attached to this response as **Appendix A** is a list of all schools currently completed in the programme, when we expected them to be completed as of June 2020, and when they were actually completed.

Appendix B shows all schools still in the programme that will be completed by 30 June 2021, when we expected them to be completed as of June 2020, and when we now believe they will be completed as of 30 June 2021.

Appendix C shows all schools in the programme that we do not expect will be completed by 30 June 2023 and are grouped by the reason for the delivery date.

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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