



SENT BY EMAIL (16 November 2022)

Kia Ora [REDACTED],

Thank you for your follow up email of 4 November 2022, regarding your previous OIA request 1297545, to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

In point 3 of your answer you refer to advice given to schools about reimbursement of legal fees. Am I correct in interpreting this as meaning that the Ministry has reimbursed schools legal fees on truancy Matters?

If so, how many reimbursements have been made in this and the previous financial year?

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

The Ministry provides schools with guidance and advice for prosecutions, and in some instances, provide reimbursement for legal costs. Non-attendance prosecutions are led by schools as they are in a better position to be able to provide evidence such as day to day attendance records as well as any past interventions that may have been put in place.

The table below is the prosecutions reimbursement record for any and all reimbursement requests in the last 5 years:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
No. of Reimbursement requests for school led non-attendance prosecutions.	1	2	0	0	0

NB: The numbers only tell us how many schools have requested reimbursement for a prosecution, and it is not reflective of how many prosecutions have actually been conducted across the country.

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.

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