

29/05/2023

Tēnā koe

OIA: 1307988 – Funding for RAPLD

Thank you for your email of 31 March 2023 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

1. *Total national PLD budget for each financial year 2019 – 2023, by Māori-medium and English-medium*
2. *Total national PLD actual spend for each financial year 2019 – 2023, by Māori-medium and English-medium*
3. *Total RAPLD budget for each financial year 2019 – 2023, by Māori-medium and English-medium*
4. *Total RAPLD actual spend for each financial year 2019 – 2023, by Māori-medium and English-medium*
5. *Please provide a table of the total number of hours allocated to schools and kura (through regional PLD) in each region in the last 12 rounds*

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

With regard to **parts 1-4** of your request, we are refusing your request for the total budget and actual spend broken down by **Māori medium and English medium** under section 18(g) of the Act, as the aggregate information requested is not held by the Ministry, and we have no grounds for believing that it is either held by or more closely related to the functions of another department of organisation subject of the Act.

However, we can provide you with the total national and RAPLD budget and actual spend figures, which are set out in the table below:

	Year 2019/20 Actual spend	Year 2019/20 Budget	Year 2020/21 Actual spend	Year 2020/21 Budget	Year 2021/22 Actual spend	Year 2021/22 Budget	Year 2022/23 Actual March YTD	Year 2022/23 Budget FY
Regional PLD	43,396,869	47,400,000	41,718,812	47,928,700	45,940,642	40,000,002	36,306,192	34,048,145
National PLD	16,672,158	19,346,076	21,065,101	18,242,779	28,246,313	23,045,308	21,791,216	35,243,857

The spend relates to the support that responds to the professional learning needs of all kaiako and leaders. The changing balance between national PLD programmes and RAPLD reflects the changing needs across the education system. The total amount of funding for Ministry funded PLD has not changed significantly over the years.

With regard to **part 5** of your request, we have provided a table outlining the total number of hours allocated to schools and kura through regional PLD. These figures are broken down into different regions and also by terms/rounds. This table is provided separately as **Appendix A**.

Please note, 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 my decision on your request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



Pauline Cleaver
General Manager, Strategy & Integration
Te Mahau | Te Poutāhū