

19/02/2024



Thank you for your email of 22 January 2024 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

I would like to receive confirmation of the Hostel Staff Wage Subsidies that Epsom Girls Grammar School applied for and received from the period of 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2022 for their boarding hostel (Epsom House). I would be grateful if you could please confirm the date, amount of each application and the amount of what was granted for each occasion during this period. I am requesting this as an OIA request.

We have interpreted that your request relates to the Covid-19 wage subsidies.

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

Please see the tables below for the total amount of Covid-19 wage subsidies that were applied for and received by Epsom House in 2020 and 2021. Please note beyond 29 October 2021, Epsom House did not apply for or receive this funding.

In 2020, wage subsidies were applied for by Epsom Girls Grammar on 7 May 2020 and paid on 15 May 2020. In 2021, wage subsidies were applied for on 27 September 2021 and paid on 29 October 2021.

Table 1. Epsom House Covid-19 wage subsidies - 2020

| Employment<br>Status | 2020 wage<br>subsidy rate<br>(weekly rate<br>paid per<br>teacher) | Number of teachers | Cost per week | Number of weeks | Total    |
|----------------------|---|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|
| Full time            | \$585.5   | 10                 | \$5,855       | 12              | \$70,260 |
| Part time            | \$350   | 12                 | \$4,200       | 12              | \$50,400 |



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|---------------------|---|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|
|                     |   |                    |               | Total:          | \$120,660 |

## Table 2. Epsom House Covid-19 wage subsidies - 2021

| Employment<br>Status | 2021 wage<br>subsidy rate<br>(weekly rate<br>paid per<br>teacher) | Number of<br>teachers | Cost per week | Number of<br>weeks | Total    |
|----------------------|---|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------|
| Full time            | \$600   | 10                    | \$6,000       | 7                  | \$42,000 |
| Part time            | \$359   | 16                    | \$5,744       | 7                  | \$40,208 |
|                      |   |                       |               | Total:             | \$82,208 |

Rather than applying for a specific amount of funding, the application process asked schools to provide the teachers name, date of birth, IRD number, and employment status (full or part time). I have included a blank version of the application form for your reference, attached as **Appendix 1**.

Please note, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

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