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Tēnā koe

**OIA: 1322619 – Teacher supply initiative payments**

Thank you for your email of 9 February 2024 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

*I wish to make a request under the Official Information Act for information on funding payments related to teacher supply initiatives for the ECE Sector.*

1. *I request a list of the names of each and every ECE service provider that received funding/payments for teacher supply in the 2023 calendar year,*
2. *The total amount of payment/s made to each service provider and for each service provider funding by:*
  - (a) *overseas teachers and the number teachers the funding applied to and*
  - (b) *NZ based teachers and the number of teachers the funding applied to.*

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

In 2023, the only teacher supply initiative available to Early Childhood Education (ECE) service providers was the Overseas Finder's Fee (OFF) of \$3,450. This initiative contributes to the recruitment costs of schools and ECE services recruiting returning overseas teachers, including both New Zealand and internationally trained teachers.

In response to **parts 1, 2 and 2b** of your request, please find a document attached as **Appendix A**. This contains a list of all ECE centres that have received OFF payments, the number of payments to each provider and the number of teachers per ECE service to whom this funding applies.

In response to **part 2a** of your request, I note that the Ministry does not collate the nationality of the teachers to whom the funding applies. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry, and I have no grounds for believing it is either held by or connected more closely with the functions of another department or organisation subject to the Act.



However, we have identified whether those teachers received teacher education training in New Zealand or overseas, and have included this information in **Appendix A**.

You may be interested to know that the Ministry has launched a website explaining the steps involved in relocating to teach in New Zealand. If you would like to read these in detail, you can access them through this link: <https://careers.education.govt.nz/teach-in-new-zealand/>

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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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