



23/01/2024



Tēnā koe

**OIA: 1319789 – Briefings for the Incoming Ministers**

Thank you for your email of 4 December 2023 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

- 1. Any briefing materials (any documents, ministerial advice, briefing notes, memos), that have been prepared by any Ministry of Education staff for the incoming Minister(s) of Education.*
- 2. Any additional briefing materials on the education commitments in the '100 Day Plan'.*
- 3. Any additional briefing materials related to Charter Schools, Partnership Schools, or Kura Hourua.*

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

We have identified sixteen documents in scope of your request. The Ministry's decision on the release of these documents is noted in the below document table.

Eight documents are currently under active consideration. Your request for these documents, is refused under 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials. We are also refusing one document under section 9(2)(j) of the Act, to enable negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.

Additionally, we are refusing eight titles under section 18(d) of the Act, on the basis that the information will soon be publicly available on our website at the following link:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/our-work/information-releases/advice-seen-by-our-ministers/>

Some of this information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. Further details regarding withholding grounds can be found on the webpage linked above.

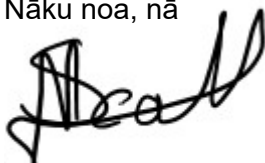


As required under section 9(1) of the Act, we have considered the public interest in releasing the information withheld. We do not consider the public interest considerations favouring the release of this information are sufficient to outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Scott', written over a horizontal line.

Mike Scott

**Acting Manager Ministerials**  
**Te Pou Rangatōpū | Corporate**

## Document table of briefings

#	Date	METIS #	Type	Title	Decision on release
1.	28 November 2023		Briefing	Briefing to the Incoming Ministers	<b>Withheld in full.</b> Information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.
2.	28 November 2023	1319217	Education Report	Advice on reintroduction of the Partnership Schools Model	<b>Withheld in full.</b> Information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.
3.	28 November 2023	1319218	Education Report	Banning cell phones in schools	<b>Refused.</b> Information soon to be made publicly available under section 18(d) of the Act with redactions under section 9(2)(a).
4.	28 November 2023	1319474	Education Report	Challenges and opportunities for addressing and responding to school attendance	<b>Refused.</b> Information soon to be made publicly available under section 18(d) of the Act with redactions under section 9(2)(a).
5.	28 November 2023	1319502	Education Report	Removing the Budget 2023 extensions of 20 Hours ECE: two-year-olds and funding rate increases	<b>Refused.</b> Information soon to be made publicly available under section 18(d) of the Act with redactions under section 9(2)(a).
6.	28 November 2023	1319060	Education Report	Refresh of the New Zealand Curriculum and development of the common practice model	<b>Withheld in full.</b> Information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.
7.	28 November 2023	1319175	Briefing Note	Curriculum and Assessment Introductory Briefing	<b>Refused.</b> Information soon to be made publicly available under section 18(d) of the Act with redactions under section 9(2)(a).
8.	28 November 2023	1319177	Briefing Note	NCEA and sector readiness for 2024	<b>Withheld in full.</b> Information withheld

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					under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.
9.	28 November 2023	1319031	Briefing Note	Tertiary education and skills – policy briefing to incoming Minister	<b>Refused.</b> Information soon to be made publicly available under section 18(d) of the Act with redactions under section 9(2)(a).
10.	28 November 2023	1319177	Briefing Note	Progressing 100-day plan curriculum commitments	<b>Refused.</b> Information soon to be made publicly available under section 18(d) of the Act with redactions under section 9(2)(a).
11.	29 November 2023	1319585	Briefing Note	TITLE WITHHELD	<b>Withheld in full.</b> Information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.
12.	30 November 2023	1319407	Education Report	PISA 2022 National and International Reports Release	<b>Refused.</b> Information soon to be made publicly available under section 18(d) of the Act with redactions under section 9(2)(a).
13.	30 November 2023	1319584	Briefing Note	Visit to Manurewa Intermediate	<b>Refused.</b> Information soon to be made publicly available under section 18(d) of the Act with redactions under section 9(2)(a).
14.	30 November 2023	1319513	Briefing Note	Therapist Pay Equity Claim settlement negotiations	<b>Withheld in full.</b> Information withheld under section 9(2)(j) of the Act.
15.	1 December 2023	1319666	Briefing Note	(Draft) Cabinet Paper: Policy approvals for regulating the use of cell phones in schools	<b>Withheld in full.</b> Information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.
16.	1 December 2023	1319667	Briefing Note	Talking points for Cabinet paper- Reversing the	<b>Withheld in full.</b> Information withheld

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				Budget 2023 20 Hours ECE initiative	under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.
17.	4 December 2023	1319671	Education Report	Approach to making changes to funding vocational education and training	<b>Withheld in full.</b> Information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.