



18 June 2020



Dear 

Thank you for your email of 26 May 2020 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

*"...As you may know, the Royal Commission on Abuse in Care includes churches as well as State institutions. As part of their work the Royal Commission has instructed the churches to compile data on children and vulnerable adults for each year between 1950 and 2019.*

*Box Hill Kids was an early childhood centre run as part of the Onslow Anglican Church from the early 2000s until it closed in the middle of 2019. I am the Bishop's Warden at Onslow Anglicans and despite my best attempts I have been unable to access the data sought as follows:*

- *Age breakdown of children attending*
- *Gender*
- *Ethnicity*
- *Disability status*

*However, I am advised that the Ministry collected this or similar information annually in an ECE census, so I am approaching you to see if it is possible to access this information.*

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

We appreciate that this response is outside of your requested timeframe. However, please be assured that we have worked to provide our response as soon as reasonably possible in the circumstances.

Please find attached, as **Appendix A**, a table containing the information you have requested.

The students enrolled at Box Hill Kids, are broken down by ethnic group and age group, as at each Early Childhood Centre (ECE) census for the years 2003-2019 provided as **Appendix A**.

Please note the following notes which attach to the data:

- The enrolments relate only the ECE census period, which is one week in June each year. The number of children enrolled over the course of a year may differ.
- Ethnic Groups are prioritized in the following order: Māori, Pacific, Asian, Other, European/Pākehā. 'Not stated' indicates that the ethnic group of the child has not been provided.
- Age provided is the age of the child during the ECE census period. This data is based on information provided by services.
- The Ministry is reliant on services providing us with accurate information

The disability status of students is not collected as part of the ECE census so we are unable to provide this data. It is therefore necessary for me to refuse this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act, for the reason that the Ministry does not collect the requested information.

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.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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# Appendix One



## Education Data - Request for Information Documentation Sheet

### Workbook Documentation

<b>Client(s):</b>	John Whitehead
<b>Request:</b>	<p>As you may know, the Royal Commission on Abuse in Care includes churches as well as State institutions. As part of their work the Royal Commission has instructed the churches to compile data on children and vulnerable adults for each year between 1950 and 2019.</p> <p>Box Hill Kids was an early childhood centre run as part of the Onslow Anglican Church from the early 2000s until it closed in the middle of 2019. I am the Bishop's Warden at Onslow Anglicans and despite my best attempts I have been unable to access the data sought as follows:</p> <p>Age breakdown of children attending Gender Ethnicity Disability status</p> <p>However, I am advised that the Ministry collected this or similar information annually in an ECE census, so I am approaching you to see if it is possible to access this information. We are under a very tight timeline constraint from the Royal Commission and my Parish has to provide its information prior to 4 June, so if you are able to help me in this as soon as possible it would be much appreciated.</p>
<b>Response:</b>	Students enrolled at Box Hill Kids, broken down by ethnic group, gender and age group, as at each ECE census for the years 2003 - 2019 provided
<b>Notes:</b>	<p>The enrolments relate only the ECE census period, which is one week in June each year. The number of children enrolled over the course of a year may differ.</p> <p>Ethnic Groups are prioritized in the following order: Māori, Pacific, Asian, Other, European/Pākehā. 'Not stated' indicates that the ethnic group of the child has not been provided.</p> <p>Age provided is the age of the child during the ECE census period.</p>
<b>Caveats:</b>	<p><b>The Ministry is reliant on services providing us with accurate information.</b></p> <p><b>The disability status of students is not collected as part of the ECE census so we are unable to provide this data.</b></p>
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### Sheet Descriptions

<b>Summary</b>	Summary page
<b>Enrolments</b>	Students enrolled at Box Hill Kids, broken down by ethnic group, gender and age group, as at each ECE census for the years 2003 - 2019

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Table 1. Students enrolled at Box Hill Kids, by ethnic group, as at each ECE census for the years 2003 - 2019

Year	Ethnic Group						Total
	Asian	European/Pākehā	Māori	Pacific	Other	Not Stated	
2003	7	30	2	1			40
2004	4	40	2	1	1		48
2005	4	45	2		1		52
2006	2	39	7		2		50
2007	3	41	8		2		54
2008	3	34	6		1		44
2009	2	35	5		1		43
2010	2	36	2		1		41
2011	2	43	1				46
2012	5	39	1				45
2013	4	44	3	1	1		53
2014	2	47		1			50
2015	1	42	1	2			46
2016	5	35	2	1			43
2017	9	32	2	1	2	1	47
2018	9	25	4		3		41
2019	6	12			1	1	20

Note: Ethnic Groups are prioritized in the following order: Māori, Pacific, Asian, Other, European/Pākehā. 'Not stated' indicates that the ethnic group of the child has not been provided.

Table 2. Students enrolled at Box Hill Kids, by age, as at each ECE census for the years 2003 - 2019

Year	Age					Total
	Age <1	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3	Age 4	
2003	2	16	10	8	4	40
2004	1	12	21	8	6	48
2005	2	9	18	18	5	52
2006	2	8	13	17	10	50
2007	2	10	12	15	15	54
2008	1	10	12	8	13	44
2009	1	5	15	16	6	43
2010	1	4	9	15	12	41
2011		13	10	9	14	46
2012		10	13	16	6	45
2013		7	18	12	16	53
2014	1	9	11	19	10	50
2015	1	6	14	9	16	46
2016		7	10	17	9	43
2017		5	12	13	17	47
2018		4	9	17	11	41
2019		3	4	6	7	20

Note: Age provided is the age of the child during the ECE census period.

Table 3. Students enrolled at Box Hill Kids, by gender, as at each ECE census for the years 2003 - 2019

Year	Gender		Total
	Female	Male	
2003	19	21	40
2004	24	24	48
2005	25	27	52
2006	27	23	50
2007	29	25	54
2008	25	19	44
2009	22	21	43
2010	25	16	41
2011	28	18	46
2012	31	14	45
2013	34	19	53
2014	33	17	50
2015	26	20	46
2016	19	24	43
2017	23	24	47
2018	24	17	41
2019	9	11	20

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