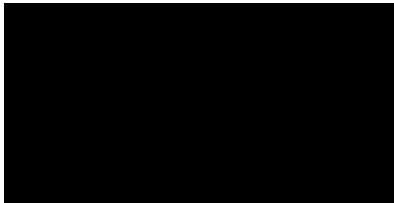





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Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your email of 26 November regarding my decision on your recent Official Information Act request.

I believe my response answered your questions to the best of our ability, but I have provided some further context which may help explain matters more clearly.

**1. How many schools are now fixed?**

In 2011 the Ministry identified about 2,400 buildings that were at risk. Since this time, many buildings have been either remediated, re-assessed, demolished or replaced. Our approach focused on individual buildings, rather than on a school-by-school basis.

**2. How many are to go?**

About 600 individual buildings with varying degrees of weathertightness issues remain in the programme and we continue to work through these.

**3. What has the cost been to date?**

It is difficult to provide an accurate cost separation of weathertightness work completed to date as much of the remediation has been combined with other capital works projects such as school redevelopments and modernisation in order to address multiple asset management needs at individual schools. I have elaborated on this below.

**4. What is the current average cost per school?**

As above.

**5. What is the estimated cost of what is left to repair?**

The Ministry does not have an estimated total cost for just repairing weathertightness. We invest \$900 million of capital funding annually on maintaining, improving and expanding the state school property portfolio, and this includes any settlement funds that the Ministry receives from legal actions.

Under our previous Building Improvement Programme (BIP), in the order of 517 buildings had remediation works completed at an estimated cost of \$421 million. This programme was distinct to weathertightness issues and had a set budget. After the BIP programme was disestablished in 2016, weathertightness remediation has been amalgamated into other programmes such as site-wide redevelopment works and

other projects for maintaining, improving and expanding the state school property portfolio. The overall cost for weathertightness work alone is difficult to isolate as in many project cases this will have been included in a larger scope of budgeted works.

As you know, 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.

Nāku noa, nā



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