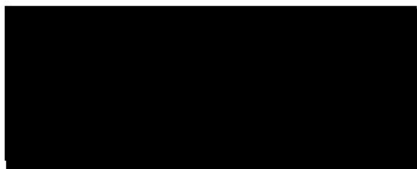




18 December 2020



Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your request of 12 October 2020 requesting the following information:

1. *All Ministry advice and reports provided to the Minister about the expansion of the free lunch programme in the lead-up to the 2020 Budget and subsequently up to the time you provide a response to this request;*
2. *Any papers or advice taken by the Minister to Cabinet and Cabinet committees about the expansion of the programme in the lead-up to the Budget and subsequently; and*
3. *All reports and advice provided to, or generated by, the Ministry about the implementation of the pilot free lunch programme since it began in February 2020, including reports and advice on the progress of the two-stage evaluation referred to on the Ministry website.*

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

We are aware that parts 1 and 2 of your request have been answered by the Minister's Office on 5 November 2020.

We have identified 24 documents in scope of part three of your request. These are outlined, together with my decision as to their release, in the table attached as **Appendix A**.

Thank you again for your email. If you have further questions please feel free to contact our media team in the first instance at media.team@education.govt.nz. If you are unsatisfied with my response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review it. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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Appendix A – 3. All reports and advice provided to, or generated by, the Ministry about the implementation of the pilot free lunch programme since it began in February 2020, including reports and advice on the progress of the two-stage evaluation referred to on the Ministry website.

No.	Date	Document Title	Decision on release
1	20 Feb 2020	List of Schools: Schools who have gone live by 20 th February 2020	Release in Full
2	15 Jul 2020	Briefing Note: Update on the Free and Healthy School Lunch Programme	Release in Part Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act
3	11 Jun 2020	Briefing Note: Expansion of the Free and Healthy School Lunch Programme	Release in Part Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act
4	15 Jul 2020	Education Report: Free and Healthy School Lunches Programme	Withhold in Full Under section 9(2)(j) of the Act
5	22 Jun 2020	Memo: Evaluation of the Free and Healthy School Lunch Prototype	Release in Part Some information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act
6	1 Sep 2020	Monitoring Report: Healthy School Lunch Programme Report for September 2020	Release in Part Some information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act
7	N/A	Progress Report: Evaluation of the Free and Healthy School Lunches Programme Progress Report 1	Release in Part Some information withheld under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act
8	N/A	Progress Report: Evaluation of the Free and Healthy School Lunches Programme Progress Report 2	Release in Part Some information withheld under sections 9(2)(b)(ii) and 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act
9	N/A	Progress Report: Evaluation of the Free and Healthy School Lunches Programme Progress Report 3	Release in Part Some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(ba)(i) and 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act
10	10 Feb 2020	Memo: Progress Update on the Free and Healthy School Lunches Programme	Release in Part Some information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act
11	20 Apr 2020	Memo: Progress and status of the Evaluation of the Free and Healthy School Lunch Prototype	Release in Part Some information withheld under sections 9(2)(ba)(i) and 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act
12	5 Oct 2020	Memo: Requests from schools for a non-universal approach to the school lunch programme	Release in Part Some information withheld under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act
13	18 Dec 2019	Memo: School Lunches Procurement Plan	Release in Part

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No.	Date	Document Title	Decision on release
			Some information withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act
14	12 Mar 2020	Memo: Approval for School Lunches Panel <i>Please note the appendices have been provided across previous documents.</i>	Release in Part Some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act
15	23 Mar 2020	Status Report: Free and Healthy School Lunches Programme March Report	Release in Full
16	20 Apr 2020	Memo: Progress and status of the Evaluation of the Free and Healthy School Lunch Prototype	Withhold in Full Under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act
17	23 Apr 2020	Status Report: Free and Healthy School Lunches Programme April Report	Release in Full
18	22 Jun 2020	Status Report: Free and Healthy School Lunches Programme June Report	Release in Full
19	22 Jun 2020	Memo: Comparison of payment methods for the FHSL programme <i>Please note this was a point in time estimate and subject to change</i>	Release in Full
20	22 Jul 2020	Status Report: Free and Healthy School Lunches Programme July Report	Release in Full
21	4 Sep 2020	Memo: Renaming the Free and Healthy School Lunches Programme	Release in Full
22	1 Oct 2020	Status Report: Free and Healthy School Lunches Programme September Report	Release in Full
23	29 Jul 2020	Memo: Ministerial Meeting for Implementing the Free and Healthy School Lunch Programme	Withhold in Full Under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act and as Out of Scope
24	7 Oct 2020	Rapid Response: Updated Information on Tranche 4 roll out of the Free and Healthy School Lunches Programme.	Release in Part Some information withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act