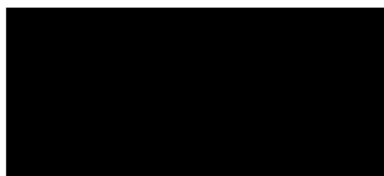




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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your email of 22 October 2020 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information on funding streams:

1. *50 randomly selected schools of different types*
2. *5 years of data 2015-2020 showing the amount of (contestable) funding to the schools on the list attached as well as the (roll based) Operations Grant and Special Education Grant to those schools.*
3. *Rolls of those schools over the same 5 years.*
4. *With these stratifiers:*
 - *Type (composite, full, secondary, kura, special)*
 - *Roll size*
 - *Area (rural) (if possible)*
 - *Decile (if possible)*

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

In accordance with your request, we have compiled a list of 50 randomly selected schools as a base for which to provide the required information. The 50 schools were randomly selected, using the 'RAND' function in Microsoft Excel, from a complete list of all schools in New Zealand. This complete list is available at [Education Counts](#). The list of the 50 selected schools and the funding streams we are providing data for are listed in the attached **Appendix A**. Please note that the data provided reflects the individual circumstances of the randomly selected schools and we cannot confirm that this is an accurate representation of the whole sector.

The data collected for each funding stream is detailed on individual tabs in the spreadsheet attached as **Appendix B**. Each sheet provides the relevant information for each of the listed schools from years 2015 – 2019. The 2020 data has been refused under section 18(g) of the Act as the requested data is not yet available

Funding Stream spreadsheet summaries

All amounts stated in these spreadsheets are GST exclusive.

The following are the notes and caveats for each of the sheets of data.

Funding type	Notes and Caveats
50 Schools Sample	This sheet contains the 50 randomly selected schools detailing their: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ID number; ▪ Name; ▪ Type; ▪ Location; ▪ Decile; and Confirmed roll data.
Operations Grant – Base Funding	This sheet contains the annual total operational grant base funding for each of the 50 randomly selected schools.
Special Education Grant (SEG)	This sheet contains the annual total SEG funding for each of the 50 randomly selected schools.
English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL)	<p>This spreadsheet contains the annual total ESOL funding for each of the 50 randomly selected schools.</p> <p>Not all schools in this list have received ESOL funding for years 2015 – 2019.</p> <p>ESOL funding is used for a range of support including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trained teachers; ▪ Teacher aides; ▪ Bilingual support workers; and Resources such as dictionaries, bilingual material.
Targeted at Risk:	<p>This spreadsheet contains the annual total Targeted at Risk funding for each of the 50 randomly selected schools.</p> <p>This funding was only available from 2017 meaning there is no data for year 2015 and 2016.</p>
Resource Teachers: Learning and Behaviour (RTL) Learning Support Funding:	<p>This spreadsheet contains the annual total RTL Learning Support Funding (LSF) allocated to each of the 50 randomly selected schools. Not all schools receive LSF each year.</p> <p>The data for 2015, 2016 and 2017 was extracted from RTL Clusters' Annual Financial Reports. The data for 2018 and 2019 was extracted from RTL quantitative reports made available to the Ministry each quarter.</p>
RTL Year 11+ Funding	This spreadsheet contains the annual total RTL Year 11 + funding for each of the eight of the 50 randomly selected schools. Only 8 of the 50 schools have Year 11+.

Targeted Funding for Educational Achievement (TFEA)	This spreadsheet contains the annual total TFEA funding for each of the 50 randomly selected schools. Not all schools received this funding every year.
High Health Funding	This spreadsheet contains the annual total High Health funding for 30 of the 50 randomly selected schools. 20 of the schools did not receive this funding for 2015 – 2019. Of the 30 that did receive this funding not all of them received funding every year.
In-Class Support:	This spreadsheet contains the annual total In-Class Support funding for each of the 50 randomly selected schools. Some schools did not receive this funding between 2015 – 2019 and of the ones that did some did not receive it every year.
Ongoing Resourcing Scheme (ORS) Funding:	This spreadsheet contains the annual total ORS funding for each of the 50 randomly selected schools. Some schools did not receive this funding between 2015 – 2019 and of the ones that did some did not receive it every year.
Class Funding (Special Schools)	Of the 50 randomly selected schools only three of them received this funding. One of these schools only received this funding for 2015.
Intensive Wraparound	This spreadsheet contains the annual total Intensive Wraparound Service funding for each of the 50 randomly selected schools. The figures provided are total Intensive Wraparound Service funding to the schools for the students' individualised plans. Teacher Aide / Learning Assistant funding contributes to only one aspect of these funding totals. We are unable to determine the specific Teacher Aide / Learning Assistant figures as these depend upon the individualised plan agreed with the student, family, and school. Funding for the Intensive Wraparound Service is provided through an application process; it is not guaranteed funding each year for every school.
Fundraising and Voluntary Donations	This spreadsheet contains the annual total Fundraising and Voluntary Donations funding for each of the 50 randomly selected schools. The information gathered for this funding source has been derived from FIDs data which relies on financial accounts being provided by schools. There are some gaps in the data as there were not accounts in some instances.

The below notes also apply to the following three spreadsheets (High Health, In-Class Support and ORS Funding):

Data was extracted on 6 Nov 2020; it includes paid allocations and fund recovery is not recorded on Te Kereu database.

Schools receiving funding from Fundholders:

- Campion College;
- Blomfield Special School and Resource Centre;
- Kowhai School; and
- Kirwee Model School.

Fundholder rate includes TA (up to 70%), Specialist services (at least 25%), admin (5%) and consumables grant (High = \$280.56, Very High = \$561.20 GST inclusive).

Teacher Aide (TA) Moderation Ongoing Resourcing Scheme (ORS) Funding information

You have also requested Teacher Aide Moderation ORS Funding information, for the 50 randomly selected schools, as part of this request. The process for TA moderation ORS funding ends with an outcome - which is numbers of hours per student in ORS. Each child's needs are considered by the moderation panel (the team around the child) and there is a teacher aide moderation form for each child. Extracting this information from each individual child's form for the 50 schools would require a significant amount of collation and therefore I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act.

We are unable to provide the external funders information as we do not hold this, therefore I am refusing this part of the request under section 18(g) of the Act. We suggest you contact these organisations directly to request this information.

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes responses under the Act 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 or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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