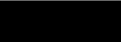




25 February 2020



Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your email of 15 December 2020 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

*All Ministry correspondence, reports, or other information about Pitter Patter.*

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

On 3 February 2020 we extended the timeframe for responding to your request. Subsequent to this, while preparing the relevant information, we were informed that the information you have requested is relevant to current and ongoing investigations around Pitter Patter Feilding by the Teaching Council. We have reached the conclusion that we must withhold the information you have requested under section 6(c) of the Act, in order to avoid prejudicing the maintenance of the law, including the investigation of offences and the right to a fair trial.

We were in the process of considering a significant number of documents in scope of your request before this new information came to light and changed our decision on releasing the information in scope.

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](mailto: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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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Cc: Marlene Clarkson, Director of Education for Taranaki, Manawatu and Whanganui