



23 April 2021

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 2 March 2021 to the Ministry of Education requesting information relating to Kelburn Normal School. On 12 March 2021, you clarified your request to be for the following information:

1. *All documentation relating to the suggestion and the decision for Kelburn Normal School to declare that they no longer needed the properties at 46 - 48 Glen Road and that these would therefore be available to go through the disposal process. This includes:*
 - a. *All the minutes of the Property Committee for Kelburn Normal School.*
 - b. *limited to key decision-making documents and correspondence, both internal and external, regarding the disposal of 'the Glen'.*

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

We have engaged with the School Board who have confirmed that they do not have any minutes from meetings of the Property Committee for Kelburn Normal School related to the decision or disposal of the Glen properties. Ministry staff have not been involved in any such meetings and no minutes have been received by the Ministry. As such, I am refusing your request for the minutes of the Property Committee for Kelburn Normal School under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry.

We have identified seven documents and five attachments that relate to key decision-making documents and correspondence, both internal and external, regarding the disposal of 'the Glen'. The documents and our decision on release are outlined in **Table 1** overleaf.

Within these documents, I am withholding some information under the following sections of the Act:

2. 9(2)(a) to protect individuals' privacy;
3. 9(2)(g)(i) to protect the free and frank expression of opinions; and
4. information out of scope of your request.

I have identified no public interest considerations sufficient to outweigh the need to withhold this information at this time.

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 or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kim Shannon', is positioned below the text 'Nāku noa, nā'.

Kim Shannon
Te Tumu Waihanga
Head of Education Infrastructure Service