



12 April 2021



Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your request of 8 March 2021 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

1. *Please provide me with the number of schools that have been offered the Healthy School Lunch Programme and that indicated they would prefer a non-universal approach. Please provide the most recent tally possible.*
2. *In the "wider expansion" of the HSLP (beyond the pilot phase), can you tell me what proportion of schools have indicated a preference for a non-universal approach?*
 - i. *Also for both the pilot and the "wider expansion" group, can you tell me the number of schools that were offered the HSLP and declined to participate, including the reasons given by each of these schools, type of school (i.e. primary, intermediate or secondary) as well as the school's decile.*
3. *In addition, can you provide me with the response by the Healthy School Lunch Programme Governance Board to Gary Basham's Oct 5th, 2020 email request concerning a non-universal approach to the programme. Mr Basham sought the Board's guidance on the approach to working with schools that wish to provide lunches only to a portion of their student population.*
4. *Can you also provide me with any reports or communications, including emails and memos, and including directions from Minister's offices, that consider the question of universal versus non-universal provision of the programme.*
5. *Can you please provide me with any communications, memos or reports that consider estimates of possible cost savings for non-universal delivery and the possible addition of more schools to the programme.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). My response to the various parts of your request is set out below.

Part one and two

Three schools have formally indicated they would prefer a non-universal approach (Awapuni School (Contributing Primary), Waitakere College (Secondary School) and Awatapu College

(Secondary School)). A total of 998 schools and kura were invited to participate in the programme, of these 34 schools and kura declined. These are broken down by school type in the attached **Appendix A**.

Part three

The response to Gary Basham's email concerning a non-universal approach to the programme was a no as the cabinet paper specifically advises that a universal approach is required. This response was provided verbally in a meeting.

Part four

No communication between the Ministry and the Minister's Office regarding this matter has occurred. As such, this part of your request has been refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the requested information does not exist.

Part five

As noted above, no communication between the Ministry and the Minister's Office regarding this matter has occurred. However, we have identified one paper (memo) that was developed and presented to the Healthy School Lunch Programme Governance Board which we have attached as **Appendix B**. Your request for communications and reports been refused under section 18(e) of the Act as this information does not exist.

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. 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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