



Dear 

Thank you for your email of 3 February 2019 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

- 1. Number of classrooms/teaching spaces permanently situated in primary and intermediate schools unused for instructional purposes at 1st December 2018? (or suitable date from Ministry records)*
- 2. Number of all classrooms constructed post 1990 which have been identified with water-tight issues?*
- 3. Estimated cost of remediating all school buildings built since 1990 identified with water-tight issues?*

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

Number of classrooms/teaching spaces permanently situated in primary and intermediate schools unused for instructional purposes at 1st December 2018?

The Ministry does not track classrooms that are “unused” for instructional purposes but tracks surplus classrooms. These classrooms can still be used for purposes such as breakout spaces or relief teaching. Whether teaching spaces are used or unused for instructional purposes is a decision made by individual schools. Your request for this data has therefore been refused under section 18(e) of the Act as it does not exist.

The Ministry, however, calculates the teaching spaces a school is entitled to, based on student roll. These entitlements are compared with actual teaching spaces at a school level. Data for individual schools is publicly available through the School Property Guide, which is linked here <https://property.education.govt.nz/spg>.

Number of all classrooms constructed post 1990 which have been identified with water-tight issues

The Ministry does not hold data for classrooms with water-tightness issues. We only hold data for school buildings, which can contain one or more classrooms. Your request for this data has therefore been refused under section 18(e) of the Act as it does not exist.

The data we can provide is collected on a building by building basis for weather-tightness issues, which includes any type of issue that is the result of water getting past the external cladding of a building. 1,300 school buildings constructed between 1994 and 2005 have been identified with weather-tightness defects.

Estimated cost of remediating all school buildings built since 1990 identified with water-tight issues

The Ministry does not have an accurate estimated cost of remediating all school buildings with weather-tightness issues as many remediation works have been combined with other projects, such as school redevelopments and modernisations. As such, your request for this data has been refused under section 18(e) of the Act as it does not exist.

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.

Yours sincerely



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