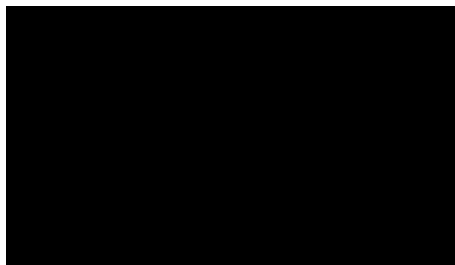




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Thank you for your email of 16 January 2020 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

*Ōtorohanga College.*

- 1. How many bullying complaints have there been at Ōtorohanga College, year by year, for the last 5-years.*
- 2. How many personal grievances have there been at Ōtorohanga College, year by year, for the last 5-years.*
- 3. How much money has been paid out in confidential settlements, year by year, for the last 5-years, in respect to those bullying complaints and personal grievances?*
- 4. How much money has been paid to lawyers, year by year, for the last 5-years, to manage those bullying complaints and personal grievances?*
- 5. How much money (see 4 above) has been paid to Davidson, Twaddle, Isaac (DTI) Lawyers (Hamilton) year by year, for the last 5-years, to manage those bullying complaints and personal grievances*
- 6. How much money has been paid to Statutory Manager Paul Mathews since his appointment and how much has been budgeted until his services are terminated?*
- 7. What is the staff turnover, year by year, for the last 5-years and how many of those year by year were dismissals?*
- 8. How much money has been paid to New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA) year by year, for the last 5-years, for dealing with these bullying complaints and personal grievances?*

*Putaruru College.*

- 1. How many bullying complaints have there been at Putaruru College, year by year, for the last 5-years.*
- 2. How many personal grievances have there been at Putaruru College, year by year, for the last 5-years.*
- 3. How much money has been paid out in confidential settlements, year by year, for the last 5-years, in respect to those bullying complaints and personal grievances?*

4. *How much money has been paid to lawyers, year by year, for the last 5-years, to manage those bullying complaints and personal grievances?*
5. *What is the staff turnover, year by year, for the last 5-years and how many of those year by year were dismissals?*
6. *How much money has been paid to New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA) year by year, for the last 5-years, for dealing with these bullying complaints and personal grievances?*

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

As previously noted in our letter dated 23 January 2020, the following parts of your request have been transferred and will be responded to directly by the schools, as outlined below:

- **Ōtorohanga College** – Questions 2, 3, 4, 5 & 7 to be answered by the Board of Trustees of Ōtorohanga College; and.
- **Putaruru College** – Questions 2, 3, 4, & 5 to be answered to by the Board of Trustees of Putaruru College.

Please see the response to the remainder of your questions below:

#### **Ōtorohanga College**

1. *How many bullying complaints have there been at Ōtorohanga College, year by year, for the last 5-years.*

One student-related case of alleged bullying was reported to the Ministry of Education in 2018.

6. *How much money has been paid to Statutory Manager Paul Matthews since his appointment and how much has been budgeted until his services are terminated?*

To date the Ministry has paid \$65,165 against a budget of \$65,192 and is considering whether additional funding is required.

8. *How much money has been paid to New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA) year by year, for the last 5-years, for dealing with these bullying complaints and personal grievances?*

NZSTA has a contract with the Ministry of Education to deliver a fully integrated range of services free to all boards of trustees to support and enhance boards' capability in governance and employment. As this contract is for all services provided by NZSTA we are unable to provide a breakdown of costs specifically for dealing with bullying complaints and personal grievances.

#### **Putaruru College**

1. *How many bullying complaints have there been at Putaruru College, year by year, for the last 5-years.*

No bullying complaints have been reported to the Ministry of Education.

6. *How much money has been paid to New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA) year by year, for the last 5-years, for dealing with these bullying complaints and personal grievances?*

NZSTA has a contract with the Ministry of Education to deliver a fully integrated range of services free to all boards of trustees to support and enhance boards' capability in governance and employment. As this contract is for all services provided by NZSTA

we are unable to provide a breakdown of costs specifically for dealing with bullying complaints and personal grievances.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katrina Casey', written over the printed name and title.

Katrina Casey  
**Deputy Secretary**  
**Sector Enablement and Support**