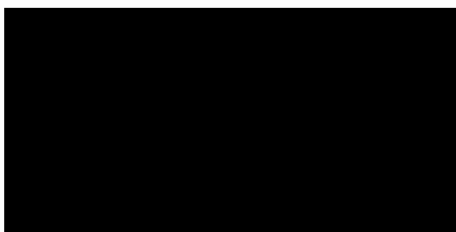


6 December 2019



Thank you for your email of 17 October 2019 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

1. *For every education and care centre that has closed (or had its licence cancelled) this year to date-please provide it's name, location, reason for closing and licence size (number of children) by month.*
2. *How many hours have been funded in education and care centres in each of 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 financial years*
3. *How many children attended an education and care centre in each of 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 financial years?*
4. *How many children participated in early childhood education in each of the 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 financial years?*
5. *How many children are expected/projected to attend an education and care centre over each of the next 5 years?*

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

The answers to your question are set out below.

Question one

Please find, attached as **Appendix one**, a table detailing every education and care centre that has closed (or had its licence cancelled) for the year-to-date broken down by month.

Please note names of early learning services that have had their licences cancelled are publicly available on the Gazette website. These are listed in date order, however you can search for a particular early learning service.

www.gazette.govt.nz/home/NoticeSearch?act=Cancellation+of+licences&soloRedirect=false

Question two to four

Please find, attached as **Appendix two**, tables detailing the number of hours funded, children in attendance and participation for the financial years beginning in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

In the first table you will note that the funded child hours for the 2019 financial year is lower than 2018. Although the 2019 financial year finished on 30 June 2019, some services are still to submit and confirm their financial data to the Ministry and this number is likely to change.

Question five

Please find below the number of children that are expected/projected to attend an education and care centre over each of the next 5 years:

Projected number of children (FTEs) at Education and Care services over the next 5 years		
Financial year	Funded child hours	Full-time equivalents
2019/20	164,851,148	164,851
2020/21	173,861,756	173,862
2021/22	182,991,982	182,992
2022/23	192,061,030	192,061
2023/24	200,971,306	200,971

*Full-time equivalents (FTEs) are calculated by dividing the number of funded child hours by 1,000 (the number of hours a 'full-time' child is expected to spend in ECE over a given year).

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.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix one – Every education and care centre that has closed (or had its licence cancelled) for the year to date.

Effective From Date (Closure)	Service Number	Service Name	Suburb	Town / City	Reason for Closure	Max licensed places	Total
January	10313	Apple Tree Childcare Centre	Glenfield	Auckland	Owner Retired / Disestablished	20	1
	20047	Smart Start Montessori (Ellerton Rd) Pre-School	Mount Eden	Auckland	Merger	20	1
	45418	Pukehina EduCare		Pukehina	Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	23	1
January Total							3
February	25025	Little People's Daycare Centre No 1	Manurewa	Auckland	Declining roll	30	1
	25182	Little People's Day Care Centre No 2	Manurewa	Auckland	Declining roll	24	1
	46307	Little Wonders Havelock North		Havelock North	Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	30	1
	55503	Y Arataha Early Learning Centre	Kaiti	Gisborne	Merger	70	1
	65194	Granny's Place		Motueka	Owner Retired / Disestablished	18	1
February Total							5
March	20051	Akoteu Vaevae Manava	Kelston	Auckland	Declining roll	36	1
	20543	Penny's Place Childcare	Dairy Flat	Auckland	Declining roll	15	1
	45448	Murupara Educare Centre		Murupara	Declining roll	20	1
	60256	Hutt Hospital Childcare Centre Inc.	Lower Hutt CBD	Lower Hutt	Licence suspended	24	1
March Total							4

Effective From Date (Closure)	Service Number	Service Name	Suburb	Town / City	Reason for Closure	Max licensed places	Total
April	45539	BestStart Montessori MonaVale	Riccarton	Christchurch	Merger	30	1
	46068	Baby Steps	Regent	Whangarei	Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	19	1
	46334	Village Church Early Childcare Centre		Hikurangi	Owner Retired / Disestablished	25	1
	60293	First Five Incorporated	Cannons Creek East	Porirua	Declining roll	25	1
	60359	PIPC A'oga Amata Newtown	Newtown	Wellington	Declining roll	22	1
April Total							5
May	20377	Sandy Toes Early Learning Centre		Red Beach	Loss of Tenancy	10	1
May Total							1
June	34017	Frankton Christian Kindergarten	Dinsdale	Hamilton	Financial reasons	24	1
	45009	Greerton ECC (Toddlers & Young Children)	Greerton	Tauranga	Moved premises	40	1
	60076	Kids World @ Les Mills Hutt City	Lower Hutt CBD	Lower Hutt	Financial reasons	24	1
	60268	Wadestown Community Creche	Wadestown	Wellington	Owner Retired / Disestablished	19	1
	65627	Atawhai Kids Preschool	Atawhai	Nelson	Owner Retired / Disestablished	32	1
	70005	ABC Wigram 2	Wigram	Christchurch	Merger	50	1
June Total							6
July	25382	BestStart Kenderdine Road 2	Papatoetoe	Auckland	Merger	100	1
	45828	YMCA Early Learning Centre Papakura		Papakura	Declining roll	50	1

Effective From Date (Closure)	Service Number	Service Name	Suburb	Town / City	Reason for Closure	Max licensed places	Total
	50058	Box Hill Kids	Khandallah	Wellington	Owner Retired / Disestablished	30	1
	51504	Kiddicare Creche		Whanganui	Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	30	1
	60261	Karori Plunket Creche	Karori	Wellington	Owner Retired / Disestablished	14	1
July Total							5
September	46322	Discoveries Educare Gillies Ave Newmarket	Epsom	Auckland	Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	50	1
September Total							1
October	46230	Wee Wisdom Montessori Teina Weymouth 2	Weymouth	Auckland	Merger	20	1
October Total							1
Grand Total							31