



5 November 2020



Tēnā koe 

Thank you for writing to the Ministry of Education on 7 October 2020 to request the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *All costs incurred by the Ministry of Education, dating back to February 2011, relating to the Main Block at Christchurch Girls High School, including consultants, engineers, designers, construction costs, evaluation reports and any other such costs incurred in relation to the Main Block.*

Your request has been considered under the Act.

*In response to this request, I have provided you with figures as at 1 October 2020 in **Appendix A**. Costs shown include the previously released construction cost for the Main Block (updated February 2020), which is also the figure provided to RNZ as per your query of 25 October 2020.*

The figures provided to Radio New Zealand included the total project and building costs for Christchurch Girls High School. This figure was \$25 million as at 1 October 2020. In responding to the question of the subset of those costs that related to the Main Block, we provided the total construction costs of just over \$5.4 million. This is the standard way that the Ministry reports on these types of questions, to ensure consistency across projects. This is because non-construction costs are in some instances not easily attributable as they are recorded across the whole school. It is important to emphasise that all costs were provided to Radio New Zealand, and no costs were withheld.

You have asked for costs relating to consultants, engineers, designers, [and] evaluation reports and any other such costs incurred in relation to the Main Block.

We are not able to provide this to you because of the limitations described above. However, in the interests of transparency we have undertaken a line by line analysis of project level costs to identify those costs that can be solely attributed to the Main Block. These costs are provided as appendix A.

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



Kim Shannon
Head of Education Infrastructure Service
cc: Iona Holsted, Secretary for Education

**CSR Rebuild for Christchurch Girls High School
Expenses That Include CGHS Main Block in Scope As At 1 October 2020**

Main Block Construction

CGHS Main Block Construction Costs (per KPMG Feb 2020) \$ 5,445,464

CGHS Programme Expenditure with Connection to the Main Block

	Includes Work Relevant or Related to Main Block
CGHS Structural Damage Assessment Reports	\$ 39,183
CGHS Surveying Main Block floors	\$ 3,880
CGHS Main Block roof leaks	\$ 10,073
CGHS Masterplanning and Assessments	\$ 167,743
CGHS CSR Major Redevelopment (includes payments to CGHS)	\$ 1,612,729
CGHS staff room works & wall boards	\$ 16,026
CGHS Pile testing and investigation Blk A	\$ 320,554
Total Connected Programme Expenditure	\$ 2,170,188

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