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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your email of 4 August 2020 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

Please provide a copy (ideally electronic, e.g. PDF) of all rules, guidelines, policies, or similar, relating to 5YA funding, the 2019 SIP funding, and the regular capital works programme where the project involves leased land.

Only guidelines/rules/policies that are currently active, not ones that have existed in the past but are no longer used/valid

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

There are two types of property on leased land the Ministry is involved with, state-schools on leased land and Board-owned property that may be on leased land.

State-schools on leased land

State-schools on leased land are usually where land has been purchased by iwi as part of Treaty Settlements. The Ministry owns the buildings and leases the land from the iwi. In these cases, the same policies apply regarding all forms of funding and capital works as at all other schools.

The 10 year Property Plan (10YPP) is the main planning tool for school property. Schools develop the 10YPP every 5 years with support from the Ministry and an independent 10YPP property consultant. This process allows the Ministry to work with Boards to identify what property issues need to be addressed. More information on this can be found at the following link:

https://www.education.govt.nz/school/property-and-transport/property-planning/10ypp/

The Ministry gives each Board capital funding to use over a 5 year period (5YA) on

Ministry-owned buildings. This funding must be used to upgrade, modernise or replace existing buildings and not to expand the existing footprint.

Details on how the Ministry calculates 5YA funding and rules regarding how to spend 5YA can be found at the following link:

https://www.education.govt.nz/school/funding-and-financials/funding/5-year-agreement-funding/

The School Investment Package (SIP) is one-off funding provided to most state-schools to help them with property projects. This funding seeks to accelerate upgrade works at schools that would otherwise be deferred due to a lack of 5YA funds.

Details on SIP and on what projects it can be used for can be found at the following link: https://www.education.govt.nz/school/funding-and-financials/funding/school-investment-package/

Board-owned property that may be on leased land

There may also be instances where a Board owns buildings or property on leased land. It is the board's responsibility to pay for the ongoing costs including maintenance, capital upgrades and operational costs of any board-owned property, including those that may be on leased land.

More information around Board-owned property can be found at the following link: https://www.education.govt.nz/school/funding-and-financials/funding/board-funding-for-property-projects/

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes responses under the Act 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.

Nāku noa, nā

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