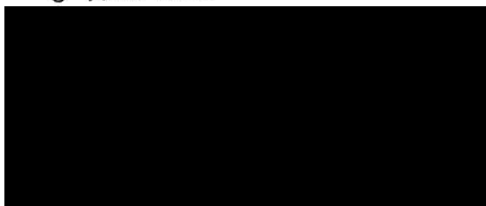




- 5 MAR 2018



Thank you for your email of 21 December 2017 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- *A copy of all advice you have sent or received between 26 October 2017 and 20 December 2017 regarding the proposed \$150 per student payment to stop schools from asking for voluntary donations.*
- *I would expect this to include all emails, briefings and aides memoire you or your office have sent to or received from other government departments such as SSC, DPMC and the Treasury.*
- *I would also expect this to include all information on this matter you or your office have sent or received from Ministers and/or their offices including the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister and their offices.*

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

This letter also comprises the Ministry's response to your request to the Minister of Education, Hon Chris Hipkins, of the same date, which was transferred to the Ministry on 23 January 2018.

On 18 January 2018, in a telephone conversation with Simon Sanders, Manager, Official and Parliamentary Information, you clarified your request as follows:

- that the reference to "you or your office" referred to the wider Ministry and not just the Office of the Secretary for Education; and
- that your request for emails could be limited to those sent at "Senior Manager" level and above

The Minister of Education has indicated that the proposal to provide state and state integrated schools that opt in, an additional \$150 per student per year in exchange for their agreement not to ask for parental donations, will be considered alongside other priorities in the 2018 Budget process.

If any changes to the current policy occur, they will be available on the Ministry's website using the following link:

<http://education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/specific-initiatives/changes-in-education/>


We have identified four documents within the scope of your request. I have attached this list to the response as **Appendix A**. These documents and our decision on release is shown in the document table included.

Some information is being withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to maintain the constitutional conventions which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials

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



Dr. Andrea Schöllmann
Deputy Secretary
Education System Policy

Appendix A - Document Table

| | Date | Type | | Decision on release |
|---|------------|-------------|---|--|
| 1 | 2017-11-10 | Spreadsheet | 2016 –donations to schools by donations size | Release in full ¹ . |
| 2 | 2017-11-10 | Table | Donations data split by decile | Release in full. |
| 3 | 2017-12-15 | Report | Education Report Additional School funding to replace donations | Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act. |
| 4 | 2017-12-18 | Table | Additional Information on Donations | Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act. |

¹ 'As extracted from Inland Revenue's databases in November 2016' and 'The classification as a school donation relies on the donation tax credit claimant correctly classifying the donation as a school donation on the IR526 form'

**School donations reported on IR526
for year to Mar 2016**

Donation size

| bucket | Count | Donations |
|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| 0 to 10 | 156 | 1,308 |
| 10 to 20 | 444 | 8,029 |
| 20 to 30 | 582 | 15,828 |
| 30 to 40 | 758 | 28,999 |
| 40 to 50 | 1,340 | 65,235 |
| 50 to 60 | 924 | 54,133 |
| 60 to 70 | 664 | 44,833 |
| 70 to 80 | 1,514 | 118,110 |
| 80 to 90 | 993 | 87,134 |
| 90 to 100 | 2,562 | 254,089 |
| 100 to 110 | 819 | 88,205 |
| 110 to 120 | 1,390 | 165,103 |
| 120 to 130 | 1,092 | 138,922 |
| 130 to 140 | 1,080 | 148,895 |
| 140 to 150 | 1,621 | 241,128 |
| 150 to 160 | 1,134 | 179,607 |
| 160 to 170 | 765 | 128,031 |
| 170 to 180 | 1,847 | 328,340 |
| 180 to 190 | 829 | 155,876 |
| 190 to 200 | 2,200 | 437,998 |
| 200 to 210 | 787 | 163,495 |
| 210 to 220 | 924 | 201,555 |
| 220 to 230 | 790 | 179,010 |
| 230 to 240 | 933 | 222,228 |
| 240 to 250 | 1,310 | 325,427 |
| 250 to 260 | 772 | 198,670 |
| 260 to 270 | 791 | 211,486 |
| 270 to 280 | 1,111 | 307,518 |
| 280 to 290 | 647 | 185,714 |
| 290 to 300 | 1,585 | 473,669 |
| 300 to 310 | 587 | 180,145 |
| 310 to 320 | 849 | 269,873 |
| 320 to 330 | 766 | 250,196 |
| 330 to 340 | 632 | 213,243 |
| 340 to 350 | 825 | 286,953 |
| 350 to 360 | 831 | 297,748 |
| 360 to 370 | 699 | 256,281 |
| 370 to 380 | 547 | 206,263 |
| 380 to 390 | 434 | 168,052 |
| 390 to 400 | 928 | 369,799 |
| 400 to 410 | 380 | 154,451 |
| 410 to 420 | 491 | 204,682 |
| 420 to 430 | 397 | 169,304 |
| 430 to 440 | 574 | 251,457 |
| 440 to 450 | 592 | 265,228 |
| 450 to 460 | 472 | 215,637 |
| 460 to 470 | 383 | 178,958 |
| 470 to 480 | 545 | 260,163 |
| 480 to 490 | 381 | 185,656 |
| 490 to 500 | 864 | 430,621 |
| 500 to 510 | 294 | 148,905 |
| 510 to 520 | 339 | 175,566 |

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| 520 to 530 | 536 | 282,079 |
| 530 to 540 | 488 | 262,448 |
| 540 to 550 | 906 | 497,626 |
| 550 to 560 | 368 | 205,123 |
| 560 to 570 | 361 | 204,356 |
| 570 to 580 | 278 | 160,280 |
| 580 to 590 | 312 | 183,175 |
| 590 to 600 | 565 | 337,931 |
| 600 to 610 | 211 | 128,131 |
| 610 to 620 | 302 | 186,092 |
| 620 to 630 | 365 | 228,719 |
| 630 to 640 | 314 | 200,236 |
| 640 to 650 | 353 | 228,748 |
| 650 to 660 | 210 | 138,046 |
| 660 to 670 | 243 | 161,811 |
| 670 to 680 | 426 | 288,433 |
| 680 to 690 | 260 | 178,442 |
| 690 to 700 | 374 | 261,065 |
| 700 to 710 | 209 | 147,727 |
| 710 to 720 | 343 | 246,159 |
| 720 to 730 | 240 | 174,504 |
| 730 to 740 | 316 | 232,720 |
| 740 to 750 | 327 | 244,518 |
| 750 to 760 | 233 | 176,330 |
| 760 to 770 | 256 | 196,064 |
| 770 to 780 | 202 | 156,983 |
| 780 to 790 | 188 | 147,929 |
| 790 to 800 | 424 | 338,359 |
| 800 to 810 | 204 | 164,588 |
| 810 to 820 | 157 | 128,165 |
| 820 to 830 | 211 | 174,296 |
| 830 to 840 | 198 | 165,683 |
| 840 to 850 | 195 | 165,214 |
| 850 to 860 | 161 | 138,005 |
| 860 to 870 | 188 | 162,892 |
| 870 to 880 | 241 | 211,220 |
| 880 to 890 | 140 | 124,163 |
| 890 to 900 | 223 | 200,239 |
| 900 to 910 | 148 | 134,187 |
| 910 to 920 | 155 | 142,043 |
| 920 to 930 | 131 | 121,281 |
| 930 to 940 | 150 | 140,440 |
| 940 to 950 | 138 | 130,770 |
| 950 to 960 | 146 | 139,737 |
| 960 to 970 | 109 | 105,389 |
| 970 to 980 | 217 | 211,874 |
| 980 to 990 | 138 | 136,221 |
| 990 to 1000 | 376 | 375,580 |
| 1000 to 1010 | 99 | 99,668 |
| 1010 to 1020 | 102 | 103,709 |
| 1020 to 1030 | 112 | 114,897 |
| 1030 to 1040 | 121 | 125,454 |
| 1040 to 1050 | 108 | 113,122 |
| 1050 to 1060 | 197 | 207,723 |
| 1060 to 1070 | 119 | 126,876 |
| 1070 to 1080 | 217 | 233,550 |

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| 1080 to 1090 | 102 | 110,703 |
| 1090 to 1100 | 204 | 224,008 |
| 1100 to 1110 | 88 | 97,322 |
| 1110 to 1120 | 101 | 112,797 |
| 1120 to 1130 | 372 | 418,648 |
| 1130 to 1140 | 157 | 178,541 |
| 1140 to 1150 | 111 | 127,205 |
| 1150 to 1160 | 107 | 123,654 |
| 1160 to 1170 | 113 | 131,738 |
| 1170 to 1180 | 112 | 131,686 |
| 1180 to 1190 | 111 | 131,575 |
| 1190 to 1200 | 246 | 294,890 |
| 1200 to 1210 | 86 | 103,705 |
| 1210 to 1220 | 68 | 82,690 |
| 1220 to 1230 | 87 | 106,639 |
| 1230 to 1240 | 118 | 145,854 |
| 1240 to 1250 | 130 | 162,114 |
| 1250 to 1260 | 111 | 139,480 |
| 1260 to 1270 | 68 | 86,104 |
| 1270 to 1280 | 101 | 128,866 |
| 1280 to 1290 | 85 | 109,354 |
| 1290 to 1300 | 94 | 121,972 |
| 1300 to 1310 | 58 | 75,758 |
| 1310 to 1320 | 87 | 114,497 |
| 1320 to 1330 | 84 | 111,373 |
| 1330 to 1340 | 65 | 86,839 |
| 1340 to 1350 | 70 | 94,316 |
| 1350 to 1360 | 93 | 126,164 |
| 1360 to 1370 | 65 | 88,782 |
| 1370 to 1380 | 60 | 82,593 |
| 1380 to 1390 | 48 | 66,521 |
| 1390 to 1400 | 150 | 209,665 |
| 1400 to 1410 | 49 | 68,888 |
| 1410 to 1420 | 66 | 93,433 |
| 1420 to 1430 | 60 | 85,548 |
| 1430 to 1440 | 60 | 86,227 |
| 1440 to 1450 | 87 | 125,982 |
| 1450 to 1460 | 80 | 116,536 |
| 1460 to 1470 | 55 | 80,661 |
| 1470 to 1480 | 48 | 70,852 |
| 1480 to 1490 | 63 | 93,626 |
| 1490 to 1500 | 122 | 182,848 |
| 1500 to 1510 | 64 | 96,420 |
| 1510 to 1520 | 80 | 121,312 |
| 1520 to 1530 | 79 | 120,529 |
| 1530 to 1540 | 38 | 58,379 |
| 1540 to 1550 | 51 | 78,845 |
| 1550 to 1560 | 47 | 73,169 |
| 1560 to 1570 | 61 | 95,525 |
| 1570 to 1580 | 37 | 58,329 |
| 1580 to 1590 | 40 | 63,471 |
| 1590 to 1600 | 306 | 489,390 |
| 1600 to 1610 | 32 | 51,403 |
| 1610 to 1620 | 46 | 74,313 |
| 1620 to 1630 | 53 | 86,156 |
| 1630 to 1640 | 46 | 75,317 |

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| 1640 to 1650 | 61 | 100,475 |
| 1650 to 1660 | 33 | 54,614 |
| 1660 to 1670 | 36 | 59,955 |
| 1670 to 1680 | 66 | 110,610 |
| 1680 to 1690 | 41 | 69,141 |
| 1690 to 1700 | 43 | 72,977 |
| 1700 to 1710 | 51 | 86,937 |
| 1710 to 1720 | 54 | 92,649 |
| 1720 to 1730 | 42 | 72,478 |
| 1730 to 1740 | 66 | 114,442 |
| 1740 to 1750 | 75 | 130,883 |
| 1750 to 1760 | 48 | 84,281 |
| 1760 to 1770 | 31 | 54,722 |
| 1770 to 1780 | 35 | 62,141 |
| 1780 to 1790 | 41 | 73,218 |
| 1790 to 1800 | 81 | 145,570 |
| 1800 to 1810 | 48 | 86,686 |
| 1810 to 1820 | 35 | 63,533 |
| 1820 to 1830 | 48 | 87,542 |
| 1830 to 1840 | 45 | 82,609 |
| 1840 to 1850 | 54 | 99,699 |
| 1850 to 1860 | 52 | 96,489 |
| 1860 to 1870 | 24 | 44,796 |
| 1870 to 1880 | 34 | 63,787 |
| 1880 to 1890 | 38 | 71,688 |
| 1890 to 1900 | 49 | 92,955 |
| 1900 to 1910 | 45 | 85,751 |
| 1910 to 1920 | 42 | 80,539 |
| 1920 to 1930 | 35 | 67,393 |
| 1930 to 1940 | 27 | 52,239 |
| 1940 to 1950 | 63 | 122,715 |
| 1950 to 1960 | 35 | 68,458 |
| 1960 to 1970 | 28 | 55,023 |
| 1970 to 1980 | 46 | 90,948 |
| 1980 to 1990 | 36 | 71,517 |
| 1990 to 2000 | 119 | 237,844 |
| >2000 | 7,630 | 35,591,165 |
| | 74,044 | 66,460,453 |

Donations data for all state and state integrated schools

Uses 2015 and 2016 FIDS data. (From schools annual accounts)

Data is not available for 8 schools with a combined roll of 1331 students

Donations are reported at a per school level and do not distinguish between donations from families and donations from other sources.

| | | 2015 | | 2016 | |
|---------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| School Decile | Number of schools | Total roll | Total reported donations \$ | Total roll | Total reported donations \$ |
| 1 | 263 | 59,505 | 4,973,260 | 60,213 | 5,129,014 |
| 2 | 244 | 53,816 | 3,828,259 | 54,077 | 3,897,798 |
| 3 | 236 | 61,725 | 5,655,733 | 62,550 | 6,338,661 |
| 4 | 233 | 67,871 | 7,712,682 | 68,590 | 8,341,131 |
| 5 | 242 | 68,424 | 8,868,573 | 69,129 | 8,003,807 |
| 6 | 234 | 76,279 | 9,180,000 | 77,224 | 9,157,011 |
| 7 | 235 | 84,448 | 13,196,509 | 85,601 | 13,878,246 |
| 8 | 242 | 88,203 | 19,086,134 | 89,198 | 18,443,754 |
| 9 | 230 | 91,437 | 26,152,960 | 93,084 | 28,950,228 |
| 10 | 230 | 88,538 | 27,741,346 | 90,717 | 30,095,151 |
| Total | 2,389 | 740,246 | 126,395,456 | 750,383 | 132,234,801 |

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About deciles

What deciles measure

Deciles are a measure of the socio-economic position of a school's student community relative to other schools throughout the country.

For example, decile 1 schools are the 10% of schools with the highest proportion of students from low socio-economic communities, whereas decile 10 schools are the 10% of schools with the lowest proportion of these students.

A school's decile does not indicate the overall socio-economic mix of the school or reflect the quality of education the school provides.

Deciles are used to provide funding to state and state-integrated schools to enable them to overcome the barriers to learning faced by students from lower socio-economic communities. The lower the school's decile, the more funding they receive.

From:

<http://www.education.govt.nz/school/running-a-school/resourcing/operational-funding/school-decile-ratings/>

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