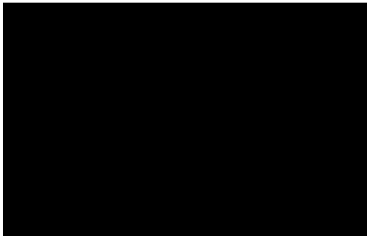




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Thank you for your email of 31 May 2017, to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- *The survey contents of the Education Conversation's survey which closed its submissions on May 31.*
- *I would also like the minutes and/or transcripts from the Education Conversation summits held in Christchurch and Auckland in May.*

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

Information about the Education Conversation | Kōrero Mātauranga including a synopsis of the Summit events is available at the following link: www.conversation.education.govt.nz

The format for the Summit events was different from that of traditional conferences in which experts talk to the audience from a podium on the stage. A different approach was used that involved a series of open-ended conversations within small groups which were stimulated by presentations from a range of speakers. This page on the website <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/education-conversation/the-summit-events/> provides more information on the engagement approach and the topics that were discussed.

Videos of the speaker presentations are also being made available progressively on the Education Conversation | Kōrero Mātauranga website – see <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/education-conversation/taking-the-conversation-beyond-the-summit/speaker-videos/>

However, because of the nature of the event, as described above, no formal minutes and/or transcripts were completed at the events. As such, your request for minutes and/or transcripts has been refused under section 18(e) of the Act as this information does not exist.

The Minister of Education, Hon Chris Hipkins, in the Cabinet Report on his Education Work Programme released in February 2018, said that he would report back to Cabinet in July 2018 with an initial report on the Summit and its progress and conclusions to date.

The survey, which forms part of the Education Conversation, has now been extended until 31 July 2018 with over 13,000 responses to date.

This is open to all New Zealanders to participate in and completed on a voluntary and confidential basis. We consider releasing the raw data at an individual level, even if anonymised, could compromise the Ministry's ability to collect similar information in the future. For this reason, I am withholding the raw survey contents under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act, to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence and which, if released, would prejudice the future supply of information.

I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to release this information.

Analysis of both the survey respondents and participant inputs into the Summit conversations will be made available progressively at the Education Conversation | Kōrero Mātauranga website.

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes responses under the Act on its website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

If you are unsatisfied with my response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review it. 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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