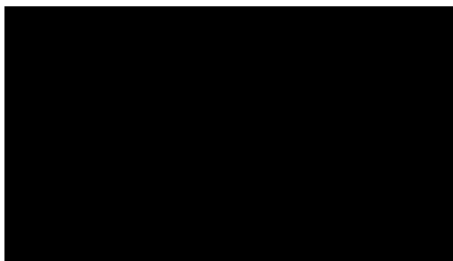




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Thank you for your email of 9 July 2018, to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

1. *how much funding the New Zealand Secondary Schools Choir (NZSSC) receives from the Ministry*
2. *what appropriation the funding comes from*
3. *the funding policy that applies*
4. *the basis of the funding and the Ministry's objectives in relation to the funding*
5. *the duration of the funding*
6. *the nature (if any) of the competitive process that is used to allocate such funding*
7. *the potential for other national music organisations to secure similar funding.*

Please find below my response to each of your questions.

1. How much funding the NZSSC receives from the Ministry?

\$3,600 excluding GST annually

2. What appropriation the funding comes from?

Secondary Appropriation

3. The funding policy that applies

This appropriation is limited to providing roll-based operations funding to schools, teacher and management salaries, support costs and supplementary funding programmes to enable the delivery of the National Curriculum to all students for Years 9 to 13.

4. The basis of the funding and the Ministry's objectives in relation to the funding

Our records from 2010 show that the Secondary Vacation Music grant has supported five music organisations to provide vacation courses for music students. Recipients of this grant include New Zealand Jazz Foundation, Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra, Brass Band Association of New Zealand, New Zealand Secondary Schools Symphony Orchestra (Christchurch), New Zealand Secondary Students' Choir. Each receives \$3,600, at a total cost of \$18,000.00 pa.

The aim is to provide opportunities for secondary school students to reach excellence in specialist instrumental and choral music.

5. The duration of the funding

Annual grant

6. The nature (if any) of the competitive process that is used to allocate such funding

There is currently no competitive process.

7. The potential for other national music organisations to secure similar funding.

The Ministry of Education supports students' participation in the Arts, including music education in a number of ways. We are happy to meet with you to explore options that you may wish to consider.

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

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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