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Dear 

Thank you for your email of 21 August 2018 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- *How many teachers left the profession each year, over the past decade?*

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

Our data allow us to count the number of teachers who leave the payroll in a given year, which we count as teachers who appeared on the payroll during the previous year but did not appear on payroll during the year of interest. These data include reliever teachers. This information is provided to you as **Appendix One**. We have also provided information on the total number of teachers (including reliever teachers) on the payroll each year.

Our count of teachers who leave the payroll will include those who left the profession but leaving the payroll can also cover a number of other scenarios, for example taking a gap year or parental leave. We do not have a breakdown of how many teachers left the payroll in a given year because they left the profession.

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. If you have further questions please feel free to contact our media team in the first instance at media@education.govt.nz. 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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Appendix One – Counts of teachers and those leaving the payroll (including relievers)

| Number of teachers on the payroll during the year | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Primary | 40,693 | 41,240 | 42,117 | 42,635 | 42,540 | 42,434 | 42,529 | 42,339 | 42,524 | 42,790 |
| Number of teachers who left the payroll (who were teaching in the previous year) | Secondary | 25,739 | 25,654 | 25,666 | 25,874 | 25,996 | 25,680 | 25,715 | 25,379 | 25,420 | 25,653 |
| | Total* | 66,432 | 66,894 | 67,783 | 68,509 | 68,536 | 68,114 | 68,244 | 67,718 | 67,944 | 68,850 |
| Number of teachers who left the payroll (who were teaching in the previous year) | Primary | 3,310 | 3,291 | 3,059 | 2,974 | 3,287 | 3,269 | 3,095 | 3,474 | 3,030 | 2,833 |
| | Secondary | 2,447 | 2,402 | 2,379 | 2,093 | 2,101 | 2,144 | 1,834 | 2,105 | 1,831 | 1,831 |
| | Total* | 5,757 | 5,693 | 5,438 | 5,067 | 5,388 | 5,413 | 4,929 | 5,579 | 4,861 | 4,664 |

* Excludes those not categorised as primary or secondary teachers