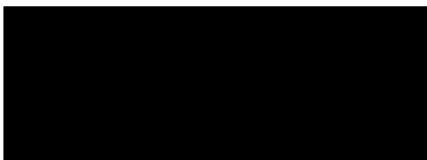




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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 20 November 2018 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

1. *The number of ECE services issued with a Provisional Licence in 2017 and 2018. (Broken down by region and year)*
2. *The number of ECE services that lost their licence in 2017 and 2018. (Broken down by region and year)*
3. *The number of ECE services that had their full licence reinstated from a Provisional Licence in 2017 and 2018. (Broken down by region and year)*
4. *The number of ECE services operating under a Provisional Licence as of November 1 2018. (Broken down by region)*

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

Our staff in 10 regions across the country are able to visit early learning services at any time to check that they are complying with minimum licensing standards. If we become aware that a service may not be meeting the standards, we work with the service to address the concerns. In some cases, we place the service on a provisional licence. This licence must be available to parents and lists our concerns as conditions. When this occurs, we monitor the service closely against the conditions and deadlines for improvement. If we identify that children are at risk, we can act immediately to suspend or cancel a licence.

Further information about licensing requirements can be found on our website at:

www.education.govt.nz/early-childhood/running-an-ece-service/the-regulatory-framework-for-ece/licensing-criteria/

The answers to your questions are set out in appendices 1 to 4 as noted below.

Question one

Please find attached as **Appendix one** the number of early learning services issued with provisional licences in 2017 and 2018 (broken down by region and year).

Question two

Please find attached as **Appendix two** the number of early learning services that closed in 2017 and 2018 (broken down by region and year) and the reasons for closure. We have also provided a further table showing the services closed due to non-compliance in 2017 and 2018 (broken down by region and year).

Question three

Please find attached as **Appendix three** the number of early learning services that had their full licence reinstated from a provisional licence in 2017 and 2018 (broken down by region and year).

Question four

Please find attached as **Appendix four** the number of early learning services operating on a provisional licence as of 1 November 2018 (broken down by region and year).

Please note that for each appendix, the datasets are valid for information as at 30 November 2018. Your request for 2018 data has therefore been refused under section 18(e) of the Act as it does not exist. The data for 2018 has been provided year to date (YTD).

Please also 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



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Deputy Secretary
Sector Enablement and Support

Appendix one

The number of early learning services issued with a provisional licence in 2017 and 2018 year to date (broken down by region and year).

Year Issued	Region	Total
2017	Auckland Region	71
	Bay of Plenty, Wairariki Region	4
	Canterbury Region	21
	Hawke's Bay, Tairarwhiti Region	15
	Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast Region	4
	Otago/Southland Region	3
	Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu Region	21
	Te Tai Tokerau Region	7
	Waikato Region	22
	Wellington Region	21
2017 Total		189
2018	Auckland Region	38
	Bay of Plenty, Wairariki Region	15
	Canterbury Region	11
	Hawke's Bay, Tairarwhiti Region	10
	Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast Region	1
	Otago/Southland Region	1
	Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu Region	10
	Te Tai Tokerau Region	5
	Waikato Region	17
	Wellington Region	9
2018 Total		117
Grand Total		306

Notes: As full year 2018 data is not available yet, this table provides data for 2018 Year to Date.

Appendix two

Early learning services that closed in 2017 and 2018 and the reason for closure.

Effective From Date (Closure)	Region	Reason for Closure	Total
2017	Auckland Region	Declining roll	4
		Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	13
		Moved premises	1
		Owner Retired / Disestablished	22
	Auckland Region Total		40
	Bay of Plenty, Waikariki Region	Declining roll	3
		Financial reasons	1
		Merger	1
		Moved premises	2
	Bay of Plenty, Waikariki Region Total		7
	Canterbury Region	Declining roll	1
		Merger	1
		Moved premises	1
		Owner Retired / Disestablished	1
	Canterbury Region Total		4
	Hawke's Bay, Tairāwhiti Region	Change of Service Type	1
		Declining roll	7
		Financial reasons	1
		Merger	1
	Hawke's Bay, Tairāwhiti Region Total		10
	Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast Region	Declining roll	5
		Moved premises	1
		Owner Retired / Disestablished	2
	Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast Region Total		8
	Otago/Southland Region	Change of Service Type	3
		Declining roll	6
		Financial reasons	3
		Merger	2
	Otago/Southland Region Total		14

Effective From Date (Closure)	Region	Reason for Closure	Total
	Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu Region	Declining roll	2
		Financial reasons	1
		Loss of Tenancy	2
		Merger	6
	Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu Region Total		11
	Te Tai Tokerau Region	Declining roll	2
		Merger	1
		Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	2
	Te Tai Tokerau Region Total		5
	Waikato Region	Declining roll	7
		Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	2
		Moved premises	1
	Waikato Region Total		10
	Wellington Region	Declining roll	3
		Financial reasons	1
		Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	4
		Owner Retired / Disestablished	1
	Wellington Region Total		9
	2017 Total		118

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Effective From Date (Closure)	Region	Reason for Closure	Total
2018	Auckland Region	Declining roll	1
		Financial reasons	1
		Merger	4
		Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	2
		Owner Retired / Disestablished	6
	Auckland Region Total		14
	Bay of Plenty, Waiariki Region	Declining roll	6
		Financial reasons	1
		Loss of Tenancy	1
		Merger	2
	Bay of Plenty, Waiariki Region Total		10
	Canterbury Region	Declining roll	1
		Loss of Tenancy	1
		Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	1
		Moved premises	1
		Owner Retired / Disestablished	1
	Canterbury Region Total		5
	Hawke's Bay, Tairāwhiti Region	Declining roll	2
		*Licence suspended	1
		Loss of Tenancy	1
		Owner Retired / Disestablished	1
	Hawke's Bay, Tairāwhiti Region Total		5
	Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast Region	Declining roll	1
		Merger	1
	Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast Region Total		2
	Otago/Southland Region	Merger	1
		Owner Retired / Disestablished	3
	Otago/Southland Region Total		4
	Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu Region	Declining roll	3
		Financial reasons	1
		Merger	4
		Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	1
	Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu Region Total		9

Effective From Date (Closure)	Region	Reason for Closure	Total
	Te Tai Tokerau Region	Declining roll	1
		Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	1
		Owner Retired / Disestablished	1
		Te Tai Tokerau Region Total	3
	Waikato Region	Declining roll	6
		Loss of Tenancy	3
		Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	2
		Waikato Region Total	11
	Wellington Region	Declining roll	2
		Financial reasons	4
		Ministry withdrawal of licence due to non-compliance	1
		Moved premises	1
		Owner Retired / Disestablished	3
		Wellington Region Total	11
	2018 Total		74
	Grand Total		192

* The service's management requested to voluntarily suspend their licence, before voluntarily closing permanently.

Early learning services closed due to non-compliance in 2017 and 2018 year to date.

Closed date	Region	Total
2017	Auckland Region	13
	Te Tai Tokerau Region	2
	Waikato Region	2
	Wellington Region	4
2017 Total		21
2018	Auckland Region	2
	Canterbury Region	1
	Hawke's Bay, Tairāwhiti Region	1
	Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu Region	1
	Te Tai Tokerau Region	1
	Waikato Region	2
	Wellington Region	1
2018 Total		9
Grand Total		30

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Appendix three

Number of early learning services that had their full licence reinstated from a provisional licence in 2017 and 2018 year to date (broken down by region and year).

Effective From Date	Region	Total
2017	Auckland Region	34
	Bay of Plenty, Waikato Region	3
	Canterbury Region	15
	Hawke's Bay, Tairāwhiti Region	16
	Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast Region	3
	Otago/Southern Region	1
	Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu Region	9
	Te Tai Tokerau Region	6
	Waikato Region	19
	Wellington Region	10
2017 Total		116
2018	Auckland Region	60
	Bay of Plenty, Waikato Region	7
	Canterbury Region	10
	Hawke's Bay, Tairāwhiti Region	6
	Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast Region	3
	Otago/Southern Region	2
	Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu Region	14
	Te Tai Tokerau Region	2
	Waikato Region	16
	Wellington Region	15
2018 Total		135
Grand Total		251

Appendix four

The number of early learning services operating on a provisional licence as of November 1 2018 (broken down by region and year).

Region	Number of services
Auckland Region	26
Bay of Plenty, Waairiki Region	11
Canterbury Region	7
Hawke's Bay, Tairāwhiti Region	7
Otago/Southland Region	2
Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu Region	4
Te Tai Tokerau Region	4
Waikato Region	15
Wellington Region	8
Grand Total	84

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