



6 May 2020



Dear 

Thank you for your email of 3 April 2020 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

“ NZEI Te Riu Roa would like information regarding the number of professional learning and development hours allocated for the last five years (2015-2019 inclusive) broken down by:

School U grade

School Decile

Whether the school is rural or urban

The geographical area

English medium vs Māori medium setting

Whether the school is part of a Community of Learning, or not part of a Community of Learning.

We recognise that some allocations have been made specifically to Communities of Learning and understand that in those instances, some of the above categories will not apply.”

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

My response to your request is provided in the order of your request with tables below:

- 1. NZEI Te Riu Roa would like information regarding the number of professional learning and development hours allocated for the last five years (2015-2019 inclusive)*

The Ministry's current professional learning and development (PLD) system was put in place in 2016. The first round of allocations was in Term 4. You have specifically asked about “PLD hours” which is a concept specific to this system. For this reason, we can only supply data from Term 4 2016 onward. We cannot provide data to report for the last 5 complete calendar years.

I am therefore refusing your request for data prior to Term 4 under section 18(g) of the Act, on the grounds that this information is not held by the Ministry.

In regards to the variables of your request, these are specific to each individual school or kura. Kāhui Ako (Community of learning) and cluster (informal school groupings used for a specific application as opposed to Kāhui Ako which exist outside the application) applications cannot

be broken down by those variables as the various schools and kura within them fit into different categories within the variables you have requested. Therefore, to the extent that your request relates to applications made by Kāhui Ako or clusters, the requested data is refused under section 18(e) of the Act on the grounds that the requested information does not exist.

Please note, the categorisation of schools and kura by decile, region etc is based on the current categories they fall into (or at least most recent school directory info).

General	PLD hours from Term 4 2016 -2019
Total hours allocated	581276
Kāhui Ako/cluster hours	170115
School/kura hours	411161

2. School U grade

School U grade	PLD hours from Term 4 2016 -2019
U1	27533
U2	36559
U3	35365
U4	94298
U5	100721
U6	51538
U7	19771
U8	11027
U9	8424
U10	6801
U11	6232
U12	4389

3. School Decile

School Decile	PLD hours from Term 4 2016 -2019
1	77908
2	55133
3	47827
4	42079
5	41947
6	36054
7	31326
8	28914
9	25364
10	23244
99 Schools/kura who do not receive regular resources associated with a decile rating.	1365

4. Whether the school is rural or urban

Whether the school is rural or urban	PLD hours from Term 4 2016 -2019
Main Urban Area	248001
Rural Area	80205
Secondary Urban Area	26106
Minor Urban Area	55514
Not Applicable	1335

5. *Geographical area*

The geographical area	PLD hours from Term 4 2016 -2019
Auckland	107942
Bay of Plenty/Wairariki	43152
Canterbury/Chatham Islands	32597
Hawke's Bay/Tairarwhiti	34686
Otago/Southernland	20530
Tai Tokerau	40472
Taranaki/Whanganui/Manawatu	29272
Wellington	43753
Waikato	42649
Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast	16108

6. *English medium vs Māori medium setting*

English medium vs Māori medium setting	PLD hours from Term 4 2016 -2019
EM	325566
MM	85595

7. *Whether the school is part of a Community of Learning, or not part of a Community of Learning.*

Whether the school is part of a Community of Learning, or not part of a Community of Learning.	PLD hours from Term 4 2016 - 2019
Yes	318587
No	92574

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'EMR', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ellen MacGregor-Reid
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