



Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for emailing the Ministry of Education on 6 August 2018 and requesting the following information:

- *How much money has gone towards improving education in New Zealand in the previous year and how much is estimated this year*

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

Each year, the Government determines how much funding will be budgeted to be spent on education. This process concludes with the Minister of Finance announcing the Government's Budget in May, publishing the Estimates of Appropriations and the subsequent passage by Parliament of an Appropriations Bill.

The majority of public funding for education in New Zealand is provided through two Votes, **Vote Education** (largely for schools and early childhood education) and **Vote Tertiary Education** (largely for tertiary education and industry training, but also to support and reward research in the tertiary system).

Vote Education

The estimated actual Vote Education expenditure for the 2017/18 financial year (between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018) was \$11.777 billion. Vote Education funding for the 2018/19 financial year, announced as part of Budget 2018, is \$12.260 billion, an increase of \$480 million. The actual amount spent on the Vote will not be known until the end of the financial year.

More information about this is available from Treasury's website, at the following address:

<https://treasury.govt.nz/publications/estimates/vote-education-education-and-workforce-sector-estimates-2018-2019>

This page contains a PDF copy of a document titled *Vote Education - Education and Workforce Sector - Estimates 2018/2019*, which contains the following information:

- A summary of funding for the 2018/19 financial year, on page 9, and
- A summary of funding for new policy initiatives contained in Table 1.1 on page 10.

Vote Tertiary Education

The estimated actual Vote Tertiary Education expenditure for the 2017/18 financial year was \$3.228 billion. Vote Tertiary Education funding for the 2018/19 financial year, announced as part of Budget 2018, is \$3.444 billion, an increase of \$212 million. As with above, the actual amount spent will not be known until the end of the financial year.

Information about spending on Vote Tertiary Education is also available from Treasury's website, at <https://treasury.govt.nz/publications/estimates/vote-tertiary-education-education-and-workforce-sector-estimates-2018-2019>.

This webpage contains a PDF copy of a document titled *Vote Tertiary Education - Education and Workforce Sector - Estimates 2018/2019*, which contains the following information:

- A summary of funding for the 2018/19 financial year, on page 175
- A summary of funding for new policy initiatives contained in Table 1.1 on page 176, and
- A summary of trends in spending through Vote Tertiary Education, on page 179.

You can also find more information about new Budget 2018 education and tertiary education initiatives on our website at <http://www.education.govt.nz/education-budget-2018-highlights/>.

Thank you again for your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to refer this response to an Ombudsman. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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