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Dear

On 28 September 2016 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, copies of all communications between the Ministry of Education and the Ministry regarding the likely impact on older children (9 to 13 years of age) with disabilities, of the changes proposed in the Cabinet Paper '*Strengthening Inclusion and Modernising Learning Support July 2016*', dated 17 May 2016.

Please find enclosed one email in scope of your request. You will see the Ministry raised a couple of points in the form of questions for the Ministry of Education to consider, however overall the Ministry supported the Cabinet Paper.

You will note that the names of some individuals are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public after ten working days. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter and attachments on the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response about advice concerning the Cabinet Paper '*Strengthening Inclusion and Modernising Learning Support July 2016*', dated 17 May 2016. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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From: Sacha O'Dea
Sent: Monday, 23 May 2016 5:26 p.m.
To: 9(2)(a)
Subject: FW: IN CONFIDENCE: Draft cabinet paper
Attachments: 17 May 2016 Cabinet paper draft Consultation .docx; Appendices-SE Update cabinet paper - 13 May consultation.pdf

Hi 9(2)(a)

Nic asked me to respond on his behalf.

Overall we support the proposals in the paper. We had a couple of questions about the paper.

- Were disabled children and youth included in the consultation process?
- What support will be provided for children and young people's views to be considered in decisions on their support?

Regards
Sacha

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From: 9(2)(a) **On Behalf Of** David Wales
Sent: Wednesday, 18 May 2016 8:58 a.m.
To: Nic Blakeley; Viv Rickard; 9(2)(a)
9(2)(a)
Cc: Maria McDonald
Subject: IN CONFIDENCE: Draft cabinet paper

Hi All

Attached is a draft Cabinet paper seeking endorsement to strengthen the inclusiveness of the education system by designing one system of providing learning support with improved accountability, using investment analysis to better target resources and delivering services more effectively.

The paper is due to the Ministers office in early June I would appreciate any comment you may have by 5pm Tuesday 24 May

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss any aspect of the paper please contact me, or the programme manager 9(2)(a). We would be happy to meet with you or your team to discuss.

As a last point, please note the paper is in confidence as it refers to some structural implications so please do not circulate.

Cheers

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We are respectful, we listen, we learn *He rōpū manaaki, he rōpū whakarongo, he rōpū ako mātou*

We back ourselves and others to win *Ka manawanui ki a mātou, me ētahi ake kia wīkitoria*

We work together for maximum impact *Ka mahi ngātahi mō te tūkinga nui tonu*

Great results are our bottom line *Ko ngā huanga tino pai ā mātou whāinga mutunga*

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