



23 August 2023

Tēnā koe

On 11 July 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Education (MoE) requesting information. MoE transferred part of your request to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry). The Ministry is responding to this part of your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

(1) Could you please send me a list of all the schools which have ever been part of, or are currently planning to take part in the Services Academies programme? Please provide dates of each school's entrance to the programme and exit from it, as appropriate. Please provide the reasons why individual schools have left the scheme, and notes of meetings and phonecalls, correspondence, information to Ministers, reports or any other information relating to their joining and leaving the programme. This would also include any proposals or requirements to or from schools to join or leave the programme.

(3) What reports or evaluations have been carried out or are planned about the services academies by the Ministry of Education, other agencies and /or NZDF. Please provide copies. If a new evaluation is proposed, please send me its terms of reference and likely reporting/publication date.

(6) Please send me any other information relating to the operations or administration of services academies in schools, including notes of meetings and phonecalls, correspondence, information to Ministers, reports or any other information.

Your request for all information is very broad, and substantial manual collation would be required to locate and prepare all documents within scope of your request. As such, I refuse your request under section 18(f) of the Act. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information

requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced

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

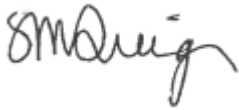
- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

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. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry'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.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui



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