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Tēnā koe Corren,

OIA: 1325290-Property records for Cambridge Middle School

Thank you for your email of 20 March 2024 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry), that was amended on 04 April 2024 requesting the following information:

- 1. I would like to request the ministry's records in relation to land ownership for the school site, to confirm what information the ministry has on file in relation to who owns the land the school is built on.*
- 2. Any occupancy or lease documents that show the ministry has a right to occupy the land (especially if they don't own it)*
- 3. there appears to be a building over the stopped road parcel and would like to know when the building was built?*
- 4. I would like to know what if any correspondence was had with council i.e. building consents, or agreements for any encroachments of the building that appears to straddle the stopped road parcel.*
- 5. I would like to know if the ministry maintains their land records, for example if an employee updates the information in any databases for example asset registers, valuations and land record databases or other such programmes like excel etc*
- 6. I would also like a copy of those records in so far as they relate to Cambridge middle school if possible and a copy of the process/policy guidance for updating the information if possible*
- 7. If no one maintains the ownership of the land record can MOE explain why this is?*
- 8. If MOE is not aware of the fact they are occupying a parcel they don't own can they explain why?*

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

In response to **parts 1, 2, 5 and 6** of your request, please find attached as **Appendix A** the requested records from our property information management system, K2, which I am releasing in full. These include an export of the parcels listed in our database, with related information and copies of Gazette Notices and Records of Title for Cambridge Middle School. Please refer to the **Appendix A Document Table** below this letter for a list of the documents.

Please note that up-to-date versions of Records of Title can be downloaded from the Land Information New Zealand website at the following link: <https://www.linz.govt.nz/products-services/land-records/types-land-records/property-title>

Land information is updated when a change occurs (i.e. a sale or purchase) or we become aware of an error. The requested guidelines are attached as **Appendix B**.

In response to **part 3** of your request, there are three buildings on the identified parcel of land. These are a hall which was built in 1966, a caretakers shed and a changing room block which were both built in 1936.

In response to **part 4** of your request, the land that Cambridge Middle School occupies is Ministry administered Crown land, with the exception of the stopped road parcel you have identified. We do not have any formal occupancy agreements on file for the stopped road parcel. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the requested information does not exist.

In response to **parts 7 and 8** of your request, as stated above the Ministry maintains a database of land ownership, and at this time the Ministry does not presently hold a lease, licence, or encroachment agreement for the identified land parcel.

Please note, 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 my decision on your request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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Associate Deputy Secretary
Te Pou Hanganga, Matihiko | Infrastructure and Digital

Appendix A Document Table

#	Date	Document type	Decision on release
1	1925	Gazette Notice	Released in full
2	1944	Gazette Notice	Released in full
3	1948	Record of Title	Released in full
4	1989	Certificate of title (Copy)	Released in full
5	03 April 2024	Cambridge Middle School Land Information	Released in full