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Tēnā koe A Collins

OIA: 1323952 – Information regarding proposed and planned major building projects at schools that have or are being considered to be paused or reprioritised

Thank you for your requests via the FYI website of 12 February 2024 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting information. As agreed to on 29 February 2024, the information requested is for the following:

1. *Details of any proposed or planned major building projects at schools that are under consideration or are confirmed for reprioritisation, rescoping, pausing or delay and the dates that the decisions on these actions were made or are proposed to be finalised.*
2. *Copies of all advice, briefings, memos or any other documents provided by the Ministry to the Minister regarding the reprioritisation, rescoping, pausing, or delaying of proposed or planned major building projects at schools, since 20 November 2023.*
3. *Copies of all internal correspondence regarding the reprioritisation, rescoping, pausing, or delaying of major building projects at schools, since 20 November 2023.*
4. *Copies of all external correspondence sent or received by the Ministry regarding the reprioritisation, rescoping, pausing, or delaying of major building projects at schools, since 20 November 2023*

On 29 February 2024, you also provided the following clarification of your request:

Regarding the third part of the request, I will refine my request to internal correspondence with tier 1 and tier 2 staff.

Regarding the fourth part of my request, I would like to define the scope as external correspondence with the Office of the Minister of Education, and schools.

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



The Ministry needs to extend the timeframe for responding to your request, and other requests for similar information, pursuant to section 15A(1)(a) of the Act, as the request is for a large quantity of information or necessitates a search through a large quantity of information, and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the Ministry; and section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. You can now expect to receive a response to your request on or before 26 April 2024, which is an extension of 18 working days.

We will endeavour to get this information to you as soon as possible prior to this due date.

You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate our decision to extend the timeframe for responding to this request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cindy McDonald".

Cindy McDonald
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