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Dear Paula

Thank you for your request on 29 August 2019 to the Ministry of Education for the following information:

1. *How many schools are using diesel to heat them.*
2. *How many schools are using coal to heat them.*
3. *Please provide a list of the schools in New Zealand that are using coal or diesel as a source of heating.*

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

The Ministry does not hold up to date information about the fuel source of each individual school, as schools make their own energy choices.

I am refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information you have requested is not held by the Ministry, and view it unreasonable to transfer this request to individual schools.

We recommend to schools that they do not install new coal boilers and to seek an alternative as they come to the end of their economic life. Our guidance for schools is set out in the Designing Quality Learning Spaces (DQLS): education.govt.nz/school/property-and-transport/projects-and-design/design/design-standards/energy-design/.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely

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