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Dear Ross

Thank you for your email of 1 September 2019 requesting the following information:

- *What made the Department of Education's District Child Welfare Officer (DSWO) for the Auckland region him suspicious that a employee employed as a Handyman/Relief Housemaster cover for 10 hours per week at Mt.wellington residential School may have been guilty of criminal of impropriety/s for a short period of time against male's between 1960 and 1962.*
- *Did the Department of Education's District Child Welfare Officer (DSWO) for the Auckland region inform the headmaster of Mt.Wellington Residential School, Mr. Hill of his suspicions or evidence retaining to such impropriety's that may had been committed against males?*
- *Were any male/s pupil/s questioned on such impropriety's that may have been committed against them by the suspected Handyman/Relief Housemaster male staff employee?*
- *What if any action was taken by the headmaster of Mt.Wellington Residential School, Mr. Hill or the Department of Education's District Child Welfare Officer (DSWO) for the Auckland region in regards to the welfare or safety of any pupil whom may have been subjected to such alleged impropriety's committed against them?*
- *Was any assistance or help given to any male pupil/s whom may have been subjected to such suspected impropriety's committed against them by the said suspected male Handyman/Relief Housemaster employee?*
- *Did the Department of Education's District Child Welfare Officer (DSWO) for the Auckland region or the headmaster of Mt.wellington Residential School, Mr. Hill notify any parent/s or guardian/s that their child may have been subjected to such impropriety/s by the suspected Handyman/Relief Housemaster staff employee?*
- *Did the Department of Education's District Child Welfare Officer (DSWO) for the Auckland region or the headmaster of Mt.wellington Residential School, Mr. Hill inform the NZ Police that a criminal offence may have been committed against some pupil/s attending Mt.Wellington Residential School in there years between 1960 /1962 by a suspected Handyman/Relief Housemaster employee?*
- *Was the Government or the Minister for Education notified or aware of such criminal impropriety/s that may have been committed against males by a male employee of Mt.Wellington Residential School in the years of 1960-1962.*

- *How did the Government or the Minister for Education respond or remedy the situation regarding to such allegations retaining to such suspected impropriety's that may have been committed against male/s pupils by an employee Handyman/Relief Housemaster employed at Mt. Wellington Residential School?*

The Ministry needs to extend the timeframe of our response to your request, pursuant to section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as the consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. For this reason, you can expect to receive a response to your request by 25 October 2019.

Please be advised that should you have any concerns regarding this extension you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate our decision to extend the timeframe. 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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