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Tēnā koe Seann

Thank you for writing to the Ministry of Education on 13 March 2020 to request the following information:

- *How many graduate diploma level and degree qualified male ECE teachers are there in New Zealand?*
- *How many Teach NZ scholarships have been awarded to male ECE students in [each year between 2015 and 2019]*
- *Of those male ECE teachers awarded scholarships, how many are Māori [for each year between 2015 and 2019]*
- *Of those male ECE students who were awarded scholarships, what is the age range?*
 - *[under 20; 20-30; 30-40; 40-50; 50 and over]*
- *How many graduate diploma level and degree qualified female ECE teachers are there in New Zealand?*
- *How many Teach NZ scholarships have been awarded to female ECE students in [each year between 2015 and 2019]*
- *Of those female ECE teachers awarded scholarships, how many are Māori [for each year between 2015 and 2019]*
- *Of those female ECE students who were awarded scholarships, what is the age range?*
 - *[under 20; 20-30; 30-40; 40-50; 50 and over]*

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

The number of ECE teachers who are men is slowly increasing over time, although it remains low relative to the overall number of ECE teachers.

We want to ensure that teaching is a career of choice. In late 2019, we launched a marketing campaign to attract more New Zealanders into the teaching profession with TV advertisements featuring male and female teachers.

We are also developing a comprehensive Education Workforce Strategy that is future focused, and will consider workforce demographics including gender. This includes working in partnership with the profession to achieve our vision of a high quality, high trust and respected teaching profession.

Your request

The total number of qualified male ECE teachers is noted in the table overleaf. Further breakdown by the type of qualification you have requested is not available as no data was collected at that level. For this reason, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

	Not qualified	Qualified
Female	9,921	21,231
Male	348	510
Not known	29	26
Total	10,298	21,767

This information is also available from our website *Education Counts*, at: <https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/statistics/early-childhood-education/staffing>.

A series of tables breaking down demographic information about Teach NZ scholarship recipients is attached to this letter as **Appendix A**.

Thank you again for your request. We appreciate the kindness and leadership shown by all New Zealanders in response to the challenge of COVID-19.

We strongly encourage you keep up to date with the Government's official advice on managing the threat of COVID-19, at <http://www.covid19.govt.nz>. The Ministry of Education's **continuously updated advice to the schooling sector in response to COVID-19** is available at <https://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-bulletin-for-school-leaders-he-pitopito-korero> and for the **early learning sector** from <https://www.education.govt.nz/early-learning-bulletin>.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to refer this response to an Ombudsman. You can do this by emailing info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz.

Ellen MacGregor-Reid
Deputy Secretary
Early Learning and Student Achievement

Appendix A

Breakdown of Teach NZ scholarship recipients

How many Teach NZ scholarships have been awarded to male ECE students in:

2019	8
2018	3
2017	1
2016	5
2015	4
Total	21

Of those male ECE students who were awarded scholarships, how many are Maori?

2019	2
2018	2
2017	1
2016	5
2015	3
Total	13

Of those male ECE students who were awarded scholarships, what is the age range?

Under 20	0
20-30	12
30-40	4
40-50	4
Over 50	1
Total	21

How many Teach NZ scholarships have been awarded to female ECE students in:

2019	94
2018	58
2017	48
2016	52
2015	47
Total	299

Of those female ECE students who were awarded scholarships, how many are Maori?

2019	50
2018	41
2017	20
2016	33
2015	26
Total	170

Of those female ECE students who were awarded scholarships, what is the age range?

Under 20	18
20-30	133
30-40	86
40-50	50
Over 50	11
Not recorded	1
Total	299