

Our ref: OIA 22- 21

13 July 2022

Mr Mathews

Email: <fyi-request-19738-a1de7769@requests.fyi.org.nz>

Tēnā koe, Mr Mathews

Re: OIA Request – Banning of lunchtime game “bullrush”

I refer to your email dated 23 June 2022 to the Education Review Office requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 as follows:

Could you please provide me with an explicit answer to the question of whether bullrush is banned in schools nationally?

Has bullrush ever been a topic discussed in any ERO reviews of schools in New Zealand?

For the Official Information Act to apply, the information must be held by the agency concerned, and there is no obligation on an agency to form an opinion or create information to answer a request, please refer to page 5 of the Ombudsman’s guide¹.

Accordingly, ERO is unable to give an explicit answer to the first question and in relation to your second question the topic was not discussed in any ERO reviews. I am refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act as the information is not held by ERO.

¹ [The OIA for Ministers and agencies](#)

You have a right to complain to the Ombudsman and seek a review of my decision.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. France', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

Jeremy France

Deputy Chief Executive Corporate Services

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