

Hon Jan Tinetti

Minister of Education
Minister for Women
Minister for Child Poverty Reduction



Liam Hehir
Dear Liam,

Official Information Act request for information relating to the Minister of Education's media release of 23 March 2023.

I refer to your official information request dated 23 March 2023 for:

1: any and all correspondence related to, and recollections of discussions about, the Minister of Education's media release of 23 March 2023, between Hon Jan Tinetti and any member of her staff;

2: any and all correspondence related to, and recollections of discussions about, the Minister of Education's media release of 23 March 2023, between Hon Jan Tinetti and any other Ministers of the Crown, including the Prime Minister, or Members of Parliament;

3: any and all correspondence related to, and recollections of discussions about, the Minister of Education's media release of 23 March 2023, between staff in the office of Hon Jan Tinetti and any member of staff in the Office of the Prime Minister; and

4: any other correspondence, or recollections of conversations, held by Hon Jan Tinetti or any member of her staff, relating to her media release of 23 March 2023.

In response to the first part of your request, I have identified three documents in scope and I am releasing these with some information redacted under sections 9(2)(g)(i) and 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act.

In response to part 2 of your request, in relation to my press release dated 23 March 2023, I did not discuss or correspond with any other Ministers of the Crown, including the Prime Minister, or Members of Parliament. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act.

For Parts 3 and 4 of your request I have identified eight documents within scope of your request. This comprises of email chains with the Office of the Prime Minister and one with the Office of the Labour Leader. I am releasing these with some information redacted under sections 9(2)(g)(i) and 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act.

My staff also met with Staff of the Office of the Prime Minister to discuss the press release.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan Tinetti'.

Hon Jan Tinetti, Minister of Education, Minister for Women, Minister for Child Poverty Reduction.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Huia Welton](#)
Subject: RE: DRAFT PR - thoughts?
Date: Thursday, 23 March 2023 12:53:26 PM

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From: Huia Welton
Sent: Thursday, 23 March 2023 12:33 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: DRAFT PR - thoughts?

9 (2) (g) (i)

Ngā mihi,



Huia Welton (she/her) | Senior Press Secretary

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From: 
To: [Sam Farrell](#)
Cc: [Huia Welton](#)
Subject: RE: final copy PR
Date: Thursday, 23 March 2023 11:13:46 AM

Looks good

From: Sam Farrell
Sent: Thursday, 23 March 2023 11:04 AM
To:  [9 \(2\) \(a\)](#) >
Cc: Huia Welton <Huia.Welton@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: final copy PR



Sam Farrell | Press Secretary

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To: [Huia Welton](#)
Subject: RE: DRAFT PR - thoughts?
Date: Thursday, 23 March 2023 1:56:34 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

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From: Huia Welton
Sent: Thursday, 23 March 2023 1:55 PM
To: [REDACTED] 9 (2) (a)
Subject: RE: DRAFT PR - thoughts?

9 (2) (g) (i)

Document 3

9 (2) (g) (i)

From: [Gia Garrick](#)
To: [Huia Welton](#); [Andrew Campbell](#)
Subject: RE: DRAFT PR - thoughts?
Date: Thursday, 23 March 2023 1:45:01 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

How about this?

9 (2) (g) (i)

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Sent: Thursday, 23 March 2023 1:44 PM
To: Gia Garrick <[REDACTED] 9 (2) (g) (1)> Andrew Campbell
<[REDACTED] 9 (2) (g) (1)>
Subject: FW: DRAFT PR - thoughts?

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 23 March 2023 1:44 PM
To: Huia Welton <[REDACTED] 9 (2) (a)>
Subject: RE: DRAFT PR - thoughts?

No mention of "funding" in his speech

[REDACTED] 9 (2) (g) (1)

[REDACTED] 9 (2) (g) (1) . Will let you know if there is anything that comes from that.

From: Huia Welton
Sent: Thursday, 23 March 2023 1:37 PM
To: [REDACTED] 9 (2) (a)
Subject: FW: DRAFT PR - thoughts?

Can you please do an urgent word search of Luxon's speech for the word "funding"

From: Andrew Campbell
Sent: Thursday, 23 March 2023 1:20 PM
To: Huia Welton <[REDACTED] 9 (2) (a)>
Cc: Gia Garrick <[REDACTED] 9 (2) (a) z>
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To: [Gia Garrick](#); [Andrew Campbell](#)
Subject: RE: DRAFT PR - thoughts?
Date: Thursday, 23 March 2023 1:39:00 PM
Attachments: [PR Education - Nats ed policy launch.DOCX](#)

Ive updated the attached and asked [REDACTED] to check for "funding" in speech

From: Gia Garrick
Sent: Thursday, 23 March 2023 1:38 PM
To: Andrew Campbell <[REDACTED] 9 (2) (a)>; Huia Welton <Huia.Welton@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: DRAFT PR - thoughts?

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From: Huia Welton

Sent: Thursday, 23 March 2023 12:33 PM

To: 9(2)(a)

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From: [Huia Welton](#)
To: [Gia Garrick](#)
Subject: FW: DRAFT PR - thoughts?
Date: Thursday, 23 March 2023 1:16:00 PM

Andrew has asked me to get you to check the final – this version incorporates the feedback that Andrew sent FYI.

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Sent: Thursday, 23 March 2023 12:54 PM
To: Andrew Campbell [REDACTED] 9 (2) (a)
Subject: FW: DRAFT PR - thoughts?

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Sent: Thursday, 23 March 2023 12:53 PM
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Subject: RE: DRAFT PR - thoughts?

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From: Huia Welton
Sent: Thursday, 23 March 2023 12:33 PM
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To: [Andrew Campbell](#)
Subject: RE: PR Education - Nats ed policy launch.DOCX
Date: Thursday, 23 March 2023 12:51:00 PM
Attachments: [PR Education - Nats ed policy launch.DOCX](#)

Thanks – I've merged our 2 versions together.

Please see attached – re the highlighted bit needs to come out as Jan it's already happening – it's just not measured/dictated.

From: Andrew Campbell
Sent: Thursday, 23 March 2023 12:27 PM
To: Huia Welton [REDACTED] 9 (2) (a)
Subject: PR Education - Nats ed policy launch.DOCX

A few thoughts – will pop down

From: [Huja Welton](#)
To: [Andrew Campbell](#)
Subject: PR Education - Nats ed policy launch.DOCX
Date: Thursday, 23 March 2023 12:29:00 PM
Attachments: [PR Education - Nats ed policy launch.DOCX](#)

Please see draft attached.

9 (2) (g) (i)

From: [Huia Welton](#)
To: [Andrew Campbell](#)
Subject: Nats education policy DRAFT PR
Date: Thursday, 23 March 2023 10:26:00 AM
Attachments: [PR Education - Nats ed policy launch.DOCX](#)

Please see draft attached.
LLO says announcement is at noon.

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From: Gia Garrick
To: Andrew Campbell; Huia Welton
Subject: RE: DRAFT PR - thoughts?
Date: Thursday, 23 March 2023 1:38:15 PM

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From: [Esther Robinson](#)
To: [Huia Welton](#)
Subject: RE: DRAFT PR - thoughts?
Date: Thursday, 23 March 2023 1:29:08 PM

I can answer that question.

There's no possible way to know how much time is spent on various learnings bits each day.

This is how we answered that in the house:

Why isn't maths taught for an hour every day?

- Maths is a compulsory part of the New Zealand Curriculum.
- The nature of the current curriculum is relatively devolved and the Government doesn't currently prescribe the hours or specific content of teacher.
- We are changing that through the curriculum re-write so that it is very clear what must be taught and when, so no learning is left to chance.

If pushed:

Hourly prescription in classrooms isn't something I have considered at this stage but if I see evidence that it is required I wouldn't rule it out.

Esther Robinson | Senior Ministerial Advisor

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From: Huia Welton
Sent: Thursday, 23 March 2023 1:24 PM
To: Esther Robinson <[REDACTED] 9 (2) (a)>
Subject: FW: DRAFT PR - thoughts?

Can you please ask Ellen about how much time would be spent teaching maths, reading and writing a day – is an hour on each a big change?

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