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Tēnā koe James

**OIA: 1317404 - Capital projects valued at greater than \$1M**

I am writing in relation to your request for:

*Can you please provide a list of all your current and planned capital projects valued at greater than \$1m.*

*Please include details including:*

- 1) name of school and region*
- 2) status (eg planned, in design, business case approved, procured, construction)*
- 3) value of the project*
- 4) size of project (GFA, no. Classrooms, etc)*
- 5) planned completion date.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). In accordance with section 15(1) of the Act, this letter is to advise you that a decision has been made to grant your request in part.

In response to **parts one and two** of your request, the Ministry has decided to provide you with a list of schools with current projects valued at \$1 million or more in the Ministry's property projects financial system. The data included in this list is currently being verified, and this will be provided to you without undue delay. We anticipate releasing this information to you by 31 October 2023, and will update you on or before that date.

Regarding **part three** of the request, we are unable to provide you with the original cost/current forecast. As the projects in this list are currently in construction or at the planning and design stage, releasing this information could impact the Ministry's ability to engage and negotiate with third parties involved. This part of the request is therefore refused under section 18(a) of the Act, since, by virtue of section 9(2)(j) of the Act, there is good reason for withholding the information to enable the Ministry to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations. However, we are considering providing some financial information in the list to be released, in the interests of transparency.

Regarding **part four** of your request, these projects will deliver a range of different solutions to the infrastructure and building assets at the school – some will be expansions providing additional teaching spaces, while others will be refurbishments of existing spaces and others will be the



repair or replacement of existing infrastructure. In order to provide the information sought, it would be necessary to undertake substantial collation from a range of sources. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information cannot be provided without substantial collation or research. Where applicable and available, we will provide the number of planned classrooms to be delivered through the project in the list to be released.

Regarding to **part five** of your request, the list will include completion dates where an estimated completion date has been forecast, on any project where there is either confirmed funding for construction or construction has begun. Completion dates for this subset of school-led projects are not easily collatable, and as a result we are refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act, as above. The Ministry is currently implementing a new tool which will improve the availability of this information on school-led projects going forward.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review the decision on your request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "EDrysdale". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Emma Drysdale  
**Manager Official and Parliamentary Information**  
**Te Pou Rangatōpū | Corporate**