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Dear Mr Stoneley

Thank you for your email of 8 March 2015, to the Ministry of Education (Ministry) asking for information about Primary Teacher Sabbaticals. You asked:

1. *During 2014 how many teachers who had accepted an offer of a Primary Teachers' Sabbatical took that paid leave?*
2. *Next, of those teachers on the paid sabbatical leave, how many did not receive their correct usual pay because of errors by Education Service Payroll?*
3. *Then of those teachers who received incorrect pay, how many were affected because the deductions for their GSF contributions were stopped or part-paid only?*

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

The information you have requested is below:

1. From the 39 approved sabbaticals in 2014, all 39 took that paid leave.
2. Two out of the 39 who took the paid leave, did not receive their correct usual pay for pay period 19 just before Christmas 2014. This was due to errors in the Novopay system, not Education Service Payroll which is a section in the Ministry.
3. The two who did not receive their correct pay also experienced issues with their Government Service Fund (GSF) contributions. This resulted in their contributions being part paid.

The Ministry is working with those affected to ensure that these issues are resolved. One has since been corrected and we are working to resolve the other as soon as possible.

Thank you again for your request.

Yours sincerely



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Deputy Secretary
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