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Tēnā koe Sally

OIA: 1324541 – ORS Funding Review 2023

Thank you for your email of 9 March 2024 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

The Ministry of Education was undertaking a review of ORS funding which was due for completion/release in July 2023.

Could you please provide information on whether this was completed and the document if this occurred.

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

I can advise that no review of ORS funding was undertaken and set for release in July 2023, as outlined in your request. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

However, there is information available on the Ministry's website about the Learning Support Action Plan that may be of interest to you.

Learning Support Action Plan:

A key action of the Learning Support Action Plan was to “review supports for children and young people with the highest levels of need, including the Ongoing Resourcing Scheme, to ensure they are meeting needs of children and young people, and delivering the intended outcome.”

Access to this plan can be found by using the following link: <https://conversation-live-storageassets3bucket-jsvm6zoesodc.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/public/DLSAP/Learning-Support-Action-Plan-2019-to-2025-English-V2.pdf>.



Highest Needs Review:

The Learning Support Action Plan led to the Highest Needs Review. The purpose of the Highest Needs Review was to understand how the system was enabling children and young people with the highest needs to achieve their full potential in an inclusive education system that delivers fair and excellent outcomes.

Information on this review can be found by using the following link:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/our-work/changes-in-education/response-highest-needs-review/>.

Information on the response to the findings of the Highest Needs Review can be found using the following link: <https://www.education.govt.nz/our-work/information-releases/issue-specific-releases/highest-needs-review/>.

The Highest Needs Review, and report back to Cabinet on the results and recommendations for change have been completed. Progress on the Learning Support Action Plan, including the Highest Needs Review, is publicly available and an update on the Highest Needs Review can be found in the *Priority 4* section on page 5 of the following document:

<https://assets.education.govt.nz/public/Documents/our-work/information-releases/Advice-Seen-by-our-Ministers/May-2023/9.-1309431-Learning-Support-Action-Plan-Quarterly.pdf>.

The Ministry is in the process of providing an update to the Government on the performance of the education system for children and young people with learning support needs. This will include how to address the findings of the Highest Needs Review and will inform options for the next steps on addressing the known issues.

Further information about the decision and next steps can be found using the following link:

<https://assets.education.govt.nz/public/Documents/our-work/information-releases/Advice-Seen-by-our-Ministers/May-2023/10.-1310069-HN-Change-report-and-prog-business-case.pdf>.

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

Nāku noa, nā



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