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Dear Mr Hotere-Barnes,

Thank you for writing to the Ministry of Education on 6 May 2015. You requested:

- *A year by year account from 2000 to 2014 of the amount of Ministry funding that has been dedicated to Māori medium primary and secondary schools (language programmes 1 and 2).*

After talking to Cyril Mako, the Ministry's Manager, Schooling Analysis, we clarified your request to be for:

- *Māori Language Programme level 1 and 2 funding for the years 2000 to 2014.*

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

The Government funds Māori Language Programmes (MLP) to support the revival of Te Reo Māori and to increase the educational achievement of Māori students. This funding is provided to schools through their operational grants and is available to Māori medium and English medium schools based on their immersion level. Schools that teach in Te Reo Māori for more than 50 per cent of school time receive an additional staffing entitlement.

Immersion levels are determined by the amount of class time conducted in Te Reo Māori. As at 2015, the ranges for each immersion level were:

Level	Percentage of time taught in Te Reo	Number of hours per week
<b>Māori immersion – curriculum taught in Māori</b>		
1	81 - 100%	20 - 25
2	51 - 80%	12.5 - 20
3	31 - 50%	7.5 – 12
4A	12 - 30%	3 – 7.5
<b>Te Reo Māori – taught as a separate subject</b>		
4B		At least 3 hours a week
5		Under 3 hours a week
<b>Taha Māori – cultural programme</b>		
6	Māori songs, greetings and simple words	

I am releasing to you a table detailing Māori Language Levels 1 and 2 funding for all school types from 2000-2014. These figures do not include GST.

Year	MLP level 1	MLP level 2
2004	\$8,424,684	\$1,934,793
2005	\$8,550,821	\$1,983,549
2006	\$9,072,612	\$1,991,680
2007	\$10,020,540	\$2,082,026
2008	\$10,143,558	\$2,126,372
2009	\$10,508,174	\$2,150,076
2010	\$10,743,036	\$2,006,410
2011	\$11,109,458	\$2,113,422
2012	\$10,931,687	\$2,196,710
2013	\$11,079,639	\$2,302,946
2014	\$12,270,484	\$2,185,615

You can find more information on this subject, including numbers of students by immersion level by searching for 'Māori Language in Education' on our *Education Counts* website at <http://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/>.

If you have any more questions about this subject, please feel free to contact our Manager, Schooling Analysis, Cyril Mako at [cyril.mako@education.govt.nz](mailto:cyril.mako@education.govt.nz).

I hope this response has been helpful to you. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this response. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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