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Tēnā koe M.R.M

OIA: 1330400 – Mangakōtuketuku College

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

Please supply me with the following information under the Official Information Act. I specifically request that your response is delivered to me through the FYI.org.nz website:

1. *A copy of the Education and Training Act S180 ("Limited Statutory Manager") Gazette notice issued by the Minister of Education, and which directed the Secretary (meaning the Chief Executive of the Ministry) to appoint a Limited Statutory Manager for the Mangakōtuketuku College, Hamilton, Board of Trustees.*
2. *A copy of the Limited Statutory Manager's appointment letter with copies of all attachments / addendums / annexures thereto.*
3. *A copy of the contract / agreement appointing a security company to provide security guard services at Mangakōtuketuku College, Hamilton, with copies of all attachments / addendums / annexures thereto.*
4. *The apparent Principal of Mangakōtuketuku College, Hamilton, is Dr Govender. She has not been at work for a number of weeks. You already know, and hold, all of the information regarding the circumstances relevant to her absence. I am requesting that, in particular, you answer the following questions about this situation:*
 - a) *Is Dr Govender currently still holding the position of Principal? If not when did her tenure end and was she dismissed or did she resign?*
 - b) *Is Dr Govender officially on leave, and if so is she on annual, sick, family or other special leave?*
 - c) *Further to sub-clause b), is Dr Govender required or planning to return to her job and position, and, if so on what date will this happen?*
5. *How many Mangakōtuketuku College, Hamilton, junior students, and how many Mangakōtuketuku College, Hamilton, senior students, have been:*
 - a) *Stood down*
 - b) *Suspended*
 - c) *Excluded*
 - d) *Expelled*



since the start of Term 1 until the date of your response.

6. *Further to clause 5., what were the respective reasons for the disciplinary action taken against each of the junior students and senior students (e.g. vaping)?*

I am refusing **part one** of your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information is publicly available at the following link:

<https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2024-go1576>

The Ministry does not hold a copy of any contract or agreement regarding Mangakōtuketuku College appointing a security company. I am therefore transferring **part three** of your request to the Mangakōtuketuku College Board under section 14(b)(i) of the Act, as the information is not held by the Ministry but is believed to be held by the school.

Employment matters relating to the principal and staff appointments at Mangakōtuketuku College are the domain of the school Board. The Ministry has therefore transferred **part four** of your request to Mangakōtuketuku College Board to respond to, in accordance with section 14(b)(ii) of the Act, as the information is more closely connected to the functions of the school.

The Ministry routinely publishes standdown, suspension, exclusion and expulsion (SSEE) data on the Education Counts website. However, data for 2024 is not currently held by the Ministry. I am therefore also transferring **parts five and six** of your request to the Mangakōtuketuku College Board under section 14(b)(i) of the Act, as the information is not held by the Ministry but is believed to be held by the school.

I apologise for the delay in transferring these parts of your request.

The Ministry needs to extend the timeframe for responding to **part two** of your request, pursuant to section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. You can now expect to receive a response to the remainder of your request on or before Monday 29 July, which is an extension of 15 working days.

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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