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Tēnā koe

OIA: 1340027 – Changes to Ka Ora Ka Ako

Thank you for your email of 26 October 2024 to the Office of the Associate Minister of Education, Hon David Seymour, which was then transferred to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) on 15 November 2024. You have requested the following information:

- 1. Please provide the cost and savings projections and assessments that show the speculated 130M cost savings with the new school lunches program.*
- 2. Also please provide the nutritional assessment and the proposals government received that led to the decision to overhaul the menu and monopolize the vendors.*

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

In response to **part one** of your request, the Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches programme currently costs approximately \$319 million per calendar year for the provision of lunches. Based on current roll numbers, the Ministry estimates the programme to cost approximately \$189 million in 2025.

These figures are based on every learner enrolled at schools participating in the programme receiving a lunch each day. This equates to a savings figure of approximately \$130million for the 2025 calendar year.

Please refer to **Table One** for a further breakdown of the 2025 estimated costs.



Table One

		Number of learners	Price	Estimated cost for 2025
Schools on the new model of lunch provision	Internal Model	40,519	\$4.00	\$30,956,516
	Iwi and Hapū Model	4,459	\$4.00	\$3,406,676
	External Model – School Lunch Collective	127,949	\$3.00	\$73,314,777
Schools receiving standard funding in 2025	Iwi Hapū Contributing (1-6)	2,818	current pricing	\$3,479,600
	Internal Contributing (1-6)	53,102	current pricing	\$11,693,226
	External Contributing (1-6)	2,818	current pricing	\$65,619,639
	Teen Parent Units and Specialist Schools	3,322	current pricing	\$466,700
TOTAL			Approx. \$188,937,134	

As advised in our letter of 12 December 2024, **part two** of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

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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