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Tēnā koe Craig

**OIA: 1339091 – ORS and HHN services in the Taranaki region.**

Thank you for your email of 31 October 2024 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

*Could you please provide information regarding students accessing the Ongoing Resource Scheme (ORS) and High Health Needs (HHN) services enrolled in schools in the Taranaki region, inclusive of those accessing state-integrated, fundholder, faith-based, private and other methods.*

*If the following breakdown could be provided:*

- *Number of children total*
- *Sub-regionally, North Taranaki, South Taranaki:*
- *Number on (ORS) VHN, HN and HHN*
- *Number of children by age 5 through 21*
- *The overall, total number of children enrolled in schooling in Taranaki.*

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

The Ministry does not hold this data broken down to the level of detail requested. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry, and I have no grounds for believing it is either held by, or connected more closely with the functions of, another department or organisation subject to the Act.



We do however, hold this data broken down by Education Region, which covers the Taranaki, Whanganui, and Manawatū regions. I am releasing this information to you as **Appendix A**, set out in three tables as follows:

- Total number of children eligible for the ORS Very High Needs (VHN), ORS Highest Needs (HN), and the School High Health Needs Fund (SHHNF)
- Total number of children eligible ORS and SHHNF broken down by ages 5 through 21
- Overall total number of children enrolled in schooling in the Taranaki, Whanganui, and Manawatū Education Region.

A breakdown of total students for New Plymouth, Stratford and South Taranaki can also be found on our Education Counts website here: [https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/data/assets/file/0011/71768/1-Time-Series-for-Trend-Analysis\\_1996-2023.xlsx](https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/data/assets/file/0011/71768/1-Time-Series-for-Trend-Analysis_1996-2023.xlsx). However, please note that this is not comparable to the data provided for ORS and SHHNF.

Please note, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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