

Office of Hon Erica Stanford

Minister of Education
Minister of Immigration
Lead Coordination Minister for the Government's Response
to the Royal Commission's Report into Historical Abuse in
State Care and in the Care of Faith-based Institutions



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Clare
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Tēnā koe Clare,

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, transferred to my office on 17 March 2026 and extended under section 1, in which you requested the following information:

I request all correspondence between Chris Duggan, or any other staff member or representative of the House of Science, and the Hon. Erica Stanford, Minister of Education, including correspondence conducted through the Minister's office, ministerial staff, private email accounts, or personal text or messaging services, for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2025.

This request includes but is not limited to:

- Emails sent to or from any ministerial email address, the Minister's private email address, or ministerial staff acting on behalf of the Minister;*
- Text messages or messages sent via any personal or professional messaging platform (including but not limited to iMessage, WhatsApp, or Signal);*
- Any letters, briefing notes, or written communications passed through the Minister's office;*
- Any responses or acknowledgements sent by the Minister or ministerial staff to House of Science staff.*

I have considered your request under the Act.

There are emails and text messages in scope of your request. I am releasing these documents to you in part, attached as **Appendix A**, with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. Some information has also been removed due to being out of scope of your request.


I am withholding some attachments related to school data in full under section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons and I am withholding House of Science's ImpactLab reports and media release under section 18(d) as they are publicly available on the House of Science website.

As required under section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered the public interest in releasing the information withheld. I do not consider the public interest

considerations favouring the release of this information are sufficient to outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.

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

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E Stanford', with a stylized, cursive script.

Hon Erica Stanford
Minister of Education