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Dear Ms Drysdale

Thank you for your email of 25 November 2015 to the Ministry of Education about young parents. You requested the following:

- 1) *How many young women accessing education providers across the greater Wellington region (domicile of the 3 DHBs in region) are identified as either pregnant or mothering a young child/ren aged 1 year or less, per annum?*
- 2) *How many of the above women/ young partners present to the Educational provider for Social work type input*
  - i) *in relation to housing issues / income support issues*
  - ii) *personal or relationship issues e.g. domestic violence, alcohol or drug addiction issues or mental health concerns?*
  - iii) *how many report living in unsafe housing or overcrowded housing with family or report homelessness?*
- 3) *How many identified pregnant women or young parents in our greater Wellington region drop out of education as a result of complex social issues in the context of parenting or pregnancy?*

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

After significant investigation and consultation with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Social Development, the Ministry has not found any information within scope of your request. For this reason, your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information you have requested does not exist.

Some data is available on Education Counts relating to roll returns for all Teen Parent Units (TPU) across the country. Please note that the data represents a small portion of students who may be pregnant or are young parents and have chosen to attend a TPU. You can find this information at:

<http://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/statistics/schooling/student-numbers/6028>.

If you would like any additional information on how TPU's operate, you may find the information on the Ministry of Education's Te Kete Ipurangi website helpful. You can find this at: <http://alternativeeducation.tki.org.nz/Teen-Parent-Units>.

If you are unhappy with this response you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review it. 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.

I hope you have found this response helpful.

Yours sincerely



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K Casey', is written over the typed name.

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